

PRESS RELEASE



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Europorte successfully delivers Siemens Desiro train to UK

On Thursday 07 November, Europorte (the rail freight subsidiary of Groupe Eurotunnel) successfully delivered the first Siemens-built Class 350/4 distributive power electric Desiro train to the UK.

The train left Wildenrath, in North Rhine-Westphalia, on Tuesday 5 November at 08:00 and arrived in Crewe, in Cheshire, at 11:00 on Thursday, taking just two days for the trip.

The train itself was made up of four carriages. The delivery is the first stage in a series of 20 distributive power electric trains (built by Siemens for train operating companies First TransPennine Express and London Midland) which will be delivered to the UK between November 2013 and Summer 2014 for ongoing testing and commissioning works before entering service.

This unique delivery showcases Europorte's railway capability: coordinating numerous partners in different countries, with high levels of flexibility. Europorte demonstrated the level of professionalism it operates with across all of the individual country structures by organizing the logistics of the transfer from point of departure to destination, through five different countries, using state of the art technology, including equipping the train with a GPS monitor so that its position could be monitored throughout the journey.