

Press Release

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DEAL SIGNED TO OVERHAUL HIGH SPEED TRAINS

The multi-million pound contract to refurbish ten High Speed Train (HST) power cars for use on CrossCountry services has been awarded to Brush Traction, which will carry out the work at its workshops in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

The power cars, five each of which are leased from Angel Trains and Porterbrook, will receive a complete overhaul and be repainted into the striking CrossCountry livery before being introduced into service. They will be fitted with new MTU-built engines to increase reliability, improve fuel efficiency and produce lower emissions.

CrossCountry Managing Director Andy Cooper said: "We're really excited that work is starting on the overhaul of these trains. This is a major step towards meeting our commitment to provide 35% extra seats and increased luggage space on CrossCountry services."

Commenting on the work, Brush Traction Managing Director John Bidewell said: "We are delighted to be working with CrossCountry on this project to improve services and help safeguard the environment."

The work is scheduled to be completed in time for the December 2008 timetable change and the HSTs will be introduced on the Edinburgh to Plymouth route to provide extra capacity along the busy corridor through Leeds.

A contract will be let shortly for the overhaul and refurbishment of the passenger carriages for the five trains. Each will run in service with two power cars and eight carriages.

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Notes to editors

The MTU engines being fitted are of the type 16V 4000 R41, which give a maximum power of 2,720 kW. This type of engine is widely used on ferries, merchant vessels, yachts, railway vehicles and heavy machinery. They have been developed by MTU Friedrichshafen GmbH, Germany and Detroit Diesel Inc, USA.

CrossCountry started operating on 11 November 2007. The franchise, which is the most extensive in the UK, will run until 31 March 2016. For further information on CrossCountry services and future franchise plans log on to www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk

CrossCountry facts and figures

STATIONS SERVED: 124

ROUTE MILES: 1,654

WEEKDAY SERVICES: 279

PASSENGERS CARRIED: Over 30 million passenger journeys a year anticipated

ANNUAL TRAIN MILEAGE: Approximately 16 million

EMPLOYEES: Approximately 1,800

LONGEST TRAIN SERVICE: Penzance to Dundee (701 miles)

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