

## Press Information

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### HILLS WASTE SOLUTIONS SPECIFY VOLVO'S ACTIVE SAFETY PACKAGE

**Hills Waste Solutions, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, is one of the first operators in the UK to specify Volvo's Active Safety Package on three new FH-500, 6x2 tractor units that recently joined the company's bulk artic fleet.**

The decision to specify Volvo's Active Safety Package was taken earlier in 2015 when the order for the three new trucks was placed with local dealer Truck and Bus Wales &



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*Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 84 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. In 2014 Volvo Trucks delivered over 4,400 vehicles throughout the UK and Ireland.*

*Volvo Trucks is part of The Volvo Group, based in Gothenburg, Sweden - one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, plus drive systems for marine and industrial applications.*



The Active Safety package as specified by Hills Waste Solutions features Autonomous Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) and Adaptive Cruise Control with Forward Collision Warning. In addition, the following safety systems are included to support the driver: Volvo's Driver Alert Support System, Lane Support System, Lane Departure Warning System and Lane Change Support System.

"Hills Waste Solutions have been operating Volvos for around 30 years," reports Collections and Fleet Manager Nathan Carr. "Our latest FH 6x2 tractor units are equipped with the Autonomous Emergency Braking System. This a major advancement in vehicle safety and Hills was one of the first in the UK to fit this latest safety feature from Volvo."

Fitting AEBS means that the truck will automatically apply the brakes when it senses that it is closing in on an object in its path ahead. It uses a combination of a forward facing camera and a radar scanner to detect and identify an object in front of the truck and determines whether it's stationary or moving forward at a lower speed than the truck.

"Being able to fit AEBS to these latest Volvo tractor units was very important to Hills," confirms Nathan Carr. "It underlines the company's commitment to road safety for all road users. Like Volvo, road safety is very important to us."

In addition to the Volvo Active Safety Package, specification of the new FHs includes the I-Shift gearbox. It is, says Nathan Carr, another aid to road safety. "I-Shift automated transmission helps safety," he explains, "as the driver can concentrate on the road ahead knowing the truck is in the right gear."

Hills Waste Solutions currently operates twelve Volvos including bulk waste artics, RCVs, hookloaders and a new FM 8x4 Tridem Rear End Loader (REL).

The three new Volvo FH bulk waste artics are being maintained on a Gold R&M contract at Truck and Bus Wales & West, Swindon. Annual mileage is expected to be in the region of 130,000 kms a year.

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**Notes for Editors :**



1. Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900.
2. Hills Waste Solutions offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions.
3. For more information, check out : [www.hills-group.co.uk](http://www.hills-group.co.uk)

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