

News Release

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BALFOUR BEATTY RAIL SERVICES **LEADS SUPPLY OF MODERN TRACK EQUIPMENT**

Balfour Beatty Rail Services (BBRS), the UK's leading renewals contractor has purchased six new tamping machines to complement their current fleet of On Track Machines, which is one of the largest in the UK.

The B66UC tamper's unique feature is its continuous action mode which enables higher outputs to be achieved without compromising quality. The machine which is based on other successful high output machines currently in operation throughout Europe, will be adapted to reflect UK standards. These tampers will be the first ever continuous action tamping machines to operate on conductor rail track on Network Rail South East Territory.

Purchased from Matisa in Switzerland, the tamping machines include four B41UE machines and two B66UC machines, both of which are designed for maintenance and renewal work on Switches and Crossings and Plain Line. All machines are equipped with computer guidance control system. They are also provided with an independent measurement system to enable the machine to record as it works. All machines come fully equipped with workshop, welfare facilities and air conditioned cabins.

Peter Anderson, Managing Director of Balfour Beatty Rail Services commenting today said;

“This purchase is an integral part of the BBRS business development strategy and further enhances the company's commitment in supporting Network Rail to deliver a world class infrastructure for UK rail.

“Also, it confirms BBRS's leading position in the supply of modern track maintenance and renewal equipment.”

The first machine will be delivered in May 2010, with a further five machines being delivered on a rolling programme during 2010 and 2011.

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Photograph:

- 01 1 The Balfour Beatty, Matisa B66UC High Performance Continuous Action Switch and Crossing/Plain line tamping machine
- 01 2 The Balfour Beatty, Matisa B41UE Switch and Crossing/Plain line tamping machine” and on the B66UC “”

Notes to Editors:

- 1) Balfour Beatty Rail Services is one of the UK's largest track renewals organisations, with 800 employees providing renewals services for almost a third of the UK's rail infrastructure. It provides a complete renewals service from formation through to complete relaying of plain line and switches and crossings (S&C) work.
- 2) Balfour Beatty Rail Services has extensive experience of busy commuter routes, main line routes, mixed freight routes and several of the most important routes into London. These include major projects such as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) and Croydon Tramlink.
- 3) Balfour Beatty Rail Services Rail Plant division provides maintenance services to the UK rail industry. Expertise includes track maintenance, track support and engineering.