

FirstClass Safety & Control and partner Freightquip announce first order in New Zealand ahead of InnoTrans debut

August 22, 2022



UK Rail Depot safety control specialist FirstClass Safety and Control Ltd (FirstClass) and Freightquip announce success with the award of their 1st order working as a partnership in the New Zealand, following on from the success of projects awarded in Australia.

Freightquip have secured a contract with KiwiRail, to supply and install a FirstClass built Depot Protection System (DPS) for the Waltham Mechanical Hub, located in Christchurch.

Freightquip and FirstClass shall be responsible for the design, manufacture, installation and commissioning of the DPS at the depot. The DPS being supplied will be a SIL 2 RFID based DPS that will be installed in the 9-road depot and includes derailleurs, log on/off facilities, SCADA supervisory terminal with historical logs and movement control, which will provide protection for both personnel and assets inside the depot building.



Mark Meyrick, Director of FirstClass Safety & Control said, "Securing our 1st order in New Zealand is a significant achievement. It reflects the strength of our partnership with Freightquip. Our ability to offer bespoke Depot Protection Systems, to meet the exact customer requirements, was a major influence on the award of this contract. Our innovative approach to design and manufacture not only ensures the customer gets exactly what they want, rather than an "off the shelf" system, but it also makes it easier to support and manage international installations, offering future proofed solutions that guarantee protection for depot staff for many years to come.

"This contract award comes hot on the heels of our **Etihaad Rail contract win** and ahead of our first visit as an exhibitor to InnoTrans, the world's largest Rail exhibition. Our presence at InnoTrans demonstrates our commitment to our strategy to become the world leader in Rail Depot Safety control systems."

Neil McDonnell, Freightquip Rail General Manager said, "This opportunity sets the scene for Freightquip and FirstClass Safety & Control to cement our partnership. It gives us a great opportunity to deliver a first-class product solution into the New Zealand rail market.

"This project builds on the success of projects awarded in Australia," he said.

For more information on all of FirstClass Safety & Control products, please visit

www.firstclass-safety-control.co.uk

The logo for RBD Community Member. It features a stylized double-slash icon in red and black on the left. To its right, the text "RBDCommunity" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below "RBDCommunity", the word "MEMBER" is written in a smaller, bold, red, sans-serif font, with each letter separated by a small gap.