

MTMS wins the contract to ensure Hitachi Rail intercity trains stay best in class

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Rail depot maintenance firm **MTMS** has been given the supportive task of ensuring some of the UK's most iconic trains remain clean, fast and reliable after it won a major contract with Hitachi Rail.

The firm, based in Swadincote, Derbyshire, has been chosen by Hitachi Rail to provide comprehensive and round-the-clock maintenance and servicing support for all their Train Maintenance Centres (TMCs) which are home to the company's Class 800 series.

The intercity trains comprise several fleets, including 65 Class 800s which operate on the East Coast Mainline as well as 93 trains on the Great Western Mainline.

MTMS provide equipment and support the maintenance of the depot infrastructure to keep state-of-the-art trains operating at the highest levels of excellence and reliability. This includes maintaining carriage washing facilities, the servicing spines and fuel arms – all of which are service critical service systems for Hitachi Rail.

MTMS also provide 24/7 call out support for service critical equipment and have also undertaken depot

improvements such as the winterisation of servicing equipment and installation of footpaths across several Hitachi Rail TMCs.

Malcolm Prentice, chairman of MTMS, said: “After three years of building our partnership with Hitachi Rail Europe, the new contract is a big vote of confidence in our people and in the MTMS way of doing things.

“It shows that we’re now a market leader in providing the kind of depot services that are vital to train fleet owners and operators in ensuring the reliability and attractiveness of services to bring back passengers as the pandemic recedes.”

Sean Denington, Head of Facilities of Hitachi Rail, said: “MTMS is part of the great tradition of rail businesses based in the East Midlands and we’re delighted to be working with the company to help us in delivering excellence through our train fleet to operators, passengers and the communities on the routes that we serve.”

MTMS currently services and maintains rolling stock and rail depot specialist equipment and carries out routine infrastructure tasks at more than one third of rail depots across the UK, serving such familiar names in mainline rail as First MTR South-Western Railway, Govia ThamesLink Railway, Arriva and Siemens.

It employs 32 people and last year was awarded the Silver Defence Employer Recognition Scheme for its ongoing commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.

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