

Siemens Mobility's new £8m Train Bogie Service Centre officially opens in Lincoln

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Siemens Mobility Limited has celebrated the official opening of its new Bogie Service Centre in Lincoln. Following an £8 million investment from Siemens to develop the centre, work will initially focus on the servicing of Siemens Velaro Eurostar e320 high speed train bogies before moving on to Siemens Desiro City Platform bogies.

The event marks another milestone in Siemens Mobility's expansion of its UK rail footprint and a sign of the company's commitment to greater localisation following the announcement of plans to build a new train factory in Goole, East Yorkshire.

The wider Siemens group currently employ 14,000 people across the UK, with a total of 1,500 people based at the wider Siemens site in Lincoln, which is also where industrial gas turbines are designed and manufactured. The new bogie service centre is set to create up to 40 skilled jobs by the end of 2019, reinforcing Siemens' commitment to the region.

The new state-of-the-art centre will facilitate even greater customer proximity, enabling Siemens to exercise greater control over the quality and timing of bogie overhauls to deliver a high-quality service to

train operators.

The opening of the Bogie Service Centre was celebrated with a tour and informal networking lunch with MP for Lincoln, Karen Lee, Mayor of Lincoln, Keith Weaver, Siemens colleagues, Lincoln site employees and customers including Eurostar.

William Wilson, UK Managing Director of Rolling Stock, Siemens Mobility Limited, said: "We're proud to have opened the new Bogie Service Centre in Lincoln, demonstrating our long-term commitment to the UK rail sector. As well as creating more high-skilled engineering jobs, the new service facility in Lincoln will ensure we continue to deliver the highest quality servicing and maintenance to our customers, benefiting rail passengers across the country."

Johannes Emmelheinz, CEO of Customer Services for Siemens Mobility globally, said: "The new UK facility joins our global network of 10 Siemens Bogie Service Centres, which are pioneering the most advanced rail servicing techniques using digital technologies. This investment confirms the importance of the UK market to our global rail service business, leading the way in maintenance innovation and ensuring highest availability for rail systems."

Neil Corner, Managing Director of Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery in Lincoln said: "We are delighted to welcome Siemens Mobility's Rolling Stock business to our family of Siemens businesses in Lincoln. It's great to see a new industry here in the city where we already employ over 1,500 people. It's another chapter of Siemens' long history, and very positive for our site."