



### **System Training Strike Up Partnership with MAN**

Two of the leading companies involved in the logistics industry have formed a strategic partnership to drive up the standard of training available in the sector.

Carlisle-based System Training, part of Logistics Academy North West, and Germany's MAN Group have joined forces to provide training solutions that comply with the recently-introduced Driver CPC legislation, which became mandatory in September 2009. As well as a driving licence, lorry and bus & coach drivers who drive professionally must now hold a Certificate of Professional Competence, which is renewable every five years.

In order to encourage best practice amongst its clients MAN turned to System Training, which has vast experience of providing learning within the logistics industry, to create a bespoke package for those wishing to gain the relevant qualifications.

MAN believes the partnership with an approved training provider such as System Training gives its clients added value and a range of options that it would have been unable to deliver to the same standard had it brought the offering in-house.

The joint venture between the two parties has also been extended to see System training MAN instructors who deliver other courses to NVQ level 3.

The deal with MAN is the latest in System Training's portfolio of agreements with blue-chip companies involved in the logistics and transport industry including Stobart Group, Tesco, ASDA, and Scania.

**Les Bishop, Product Marketing Manager at MAN Truck & Bus UK, said:**

"MAN and System Training share some very important standards in terms of product quality and delivery. Like MAN, they have a good name in the transport sector and our discussions together convinced us of their suitability to be involved with the MAN brand. I'm looking forward, on behalf of every MAN driver who attends our CPC courses, to a long and mutually beneficial partnership in this key area."

**Paul Spink, Commercial Director of System Training, said:**

“It’s fantastic to have such a strong relationship with a leading transport industry supplier such as MAN. The development of our Driver CPC training package will not only ensure that drivers of MAN vehicles are suitably trained but will also help MAN to deliver real added benefits to their customers. Their strong dealer network will help to ensure that System’s high quality driver training products will get exposure throughout the industry.”

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### Note to Editors:

The Logistics Academy North West (LANW) is based at the University of Cumbria in Carlisle and offers employers in the logistics sector access to quality-assured training to improve the efficiency of their business. It is one of nine Regional Logistics Academies being established in support of the Skills for Logistics strategy to reduce the skills gap in the logistics sector. The academy is principally a single point of contact for advice and information to the logistics sector, particularly covering the area of training and development.

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