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SSRA Welcomes New Trains Order

2,350 new coaches have now been ordered since privatisation and train leasing companies are reacting well to the positive market indicators of a growing railway.

SSRA Chairman, Sir Alastair Morton, today welcomed news from Angel Trains Limited of the latest £90 million order for 100 new electric multiple vehicles from manufacturers, Siemens.

He said:

" Today's order is more evidence of the growing confidence within the rolling stock industry to build for present and anticipated future growth in passenger numbers. If the increases in traffic forecast for the next ten years are to be realised, now is the time to be getting orders placed to meet capacity needs.

" This, coupled with the urgent need to replace Mark 1 slam door stock, is a powerful spur to suppliers to increase the provision of new trains to modern standards."

Notes to Editors

1. Orders have been placed for new rolling stock over the past three years worth well over £2 billion. This equates to 2,350 replacement vehicles out of a current total network fleet of 10,000.

2. New rolling stock has already been introduced on Midland Mainline, Chiltern Railways, Central Trains, Anglia Railways and ScotRail, and has started operating on South West Trains and LTS Rail.

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