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FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR NEW STEAM LOCOMOTIVE BOND ISSUE

***Haft-million pound 4% unsecured bearer bonds launched to accelerate
completion of 60163 Tornado***

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, the registered charity that is building the first new mainline steam locomotive in Britain for over 40 years, today launched a £500,000, 4% unsecured bearer bonds issue to accelerate the completion of all new express passenger steam locomotive No. 60163 *Tornado*.

The A1 Trust is building Peppercorn Class A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* at its Darlington Locomotive Works (Darlington was the birthplace of the railways) and when complete it will be used on the Network Rail mainline on charter trains. *Tornado* is already around 50% complete, with over £1m raised to-date through deeds of covenant and commercial sponsorship. The funds raised by the bond issue will help the Trust to achieve its target completion date of 2006.

Mark Allatt, chairman of The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust commented:

“Completion of *Tornado* by 2006 depends on the success of this bond issue. *Tornado* is a new steam locomotive for a new century. Fully equipped for the 21st century railway it will be the flagship steam locomotive taking railways from their current 200th anniversary year into their third century.”

“With the youngest mainline steam locomotive in Britain now almost 50 years old, the launch of this bond issue gives the steam-loving general public an opportunity to support this exciting project and secure the operation of a steam locomotive on Britain’s national railway network for the foreseeable future.”

More information on the bond issue, and a copy of the Prospectus, can be obtained from:

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