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TORNADO'S TENDER SPONSORED BY WILLIAM COOK CAST PRODUCTS LIMITED

***Only another £385,000 needed to complete new steam locomotive
by November 2007***

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, the registered charity that is building the first new mainline steam locomotive in Britain for over 40 years, today announced that William Cook Cast Products Limited will provide a tender for use with A1 Pacific *Tornado*. The work on completing the £200,000 tender will proceed in parallel to that on the locomotive, such that the locomotive and tender will reach final completion at approximately the same time – November 2007, provided that the remaining funding is in place.

William Cook Cast Products has been the premier industrial supporter of the Trust for many years, covering areas such as locomotive wheels and many other castings used in the construction to-date.

Andrew Cook, Chairman of William Cook Holdings Limited commented:

“I am delighted to continue supporting The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust in its project to build a new mainline steam locomotive in the 21st Century. *Tornado* will not only keep mainline steam alive in Britain for generations to come but it will also be a great example of how persistence and determination – my motto – wins through in the end. I am looking forward to seeing *Tornado* in steam in 2007.”

Mark Allatt, chairman, The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, added:

“The Trust is delighted that William Cook Cast Products is extending its support to *Tornado's* tender. They have been our most significant corporate supporter to-date and it is true to say that without their help we would not be able to complete *Tornado* for many years yet. We are now calling on all those interested in seeing *Tornado* in steam in 2007 to build upon that support and help us to bridge our £385,000 funding gap.”

The A1 Trust is building Peppercorn Class A1 Pacific No. 60163 *Tornado* at its Darlington Locomotive Works and when complete it will be used on charter trains operating on Network Rail. Significant progress has been made on the construction of *Tornado*, with over £1.3m raised to-date through deeds of covenant, commercial sponsorship and through a bond issue. In order to complete *Tornado* as quickly as possible - by November 2007 - the Trust needs to raise £385,000 on top of its existing pledges.

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