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Double tri-axle Stag

Substantial extra payload of sand and soils has been achieved by Railway Transport Services when the Frank Vella Sands subcontractor began running his specially designed tri-axle/tri-axle Lusty EMS Stags between Cranbourne and the company's bulk storage depot at Deer Park in Victoria.

Combined with Volvo cab-over prime movers, the two custom designed tipper combinations – the first tri-axle Stags to be built by Lusty EMS – each gain a 44-tonne mass management payload, compared to the 38 tonnes achieved by a standard double axle tipper combination.

The unique Stag design, patented by Lusty EMS, allows for unloading both the front and rear trailers without unhitching, which has also reduced turnaround times for the cross city run, which operates continuously 24 hours a day, six-and-a-half days a week.

Following delivery of the first tipper set mid-2004, the second new tri/tri Stag, with its distinctive white painted livery, went straight into service with Frank Vella Sands in November. In its first six weeks the combination clocked up over 40,000km!

A third unit is currently being built for the company.

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