

For further information contact:

Paul Barnes, Head of Marketing – Icomera
+44 (0)7837 917 611
paul.barnes@icomera.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Taking the Connected Train Further with Chiltern Railways

July 14th 2015 – The first of Chiltern Railways’ nine newly upgraded Class 168 trains has been launched. Serving routes into London Marylebone, the vehicles come complete with what is believed to be the world’s first onboard train communications network with a fully integrated centralised backend configuration and monitoring system.

The new onboard train communications network has been built around Icomera’s powerful X-Series platform and includes the first deployment of the mobile Internet connectivity expert’s new X6i SWAP application router.

Joining the same product family as the original award-winning Icomera X6, the X6i SWAP includes an in-built switch and Wi-Fi access points, bringing these two key components more directly into the X-Series connectivity platform. This means that all of the key components of the onboard train communications network are fully supported by Icomera’s remote central configuration tool, Vantage, for robust and simple asset management. In practice this will allow Chiltern Railways to remotely monitor and maintain the networks of all of the reconditioned vehicles and apply updates or emergency roll-backs across the fleet whenever the need arises.

Alan Riley, Head of On Train Service at Chiltern Railways, commented: “The benefits of our investment in new technology will be felt by customers over time. The new onboard train communications network solution, with its remote centralised management tools, will reduce the time that vehicles are out of action for maintenance and upgrade work in the future, ultimately minimising service disruptions for our passengers”.

About Chiltern Railways

Chiltern Railways is an innovative UK transport operator, owned by Deutsche Bahn AG and a part of Arriva. It runs services from London Marylebone, connecting the capital with Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon and Warwick. Known for putting its customers first, it is one of the highest rated DfT franchised operators in the UK for passenger satisfaction according to the most recent National Passenger Survey conducted by Transport Focus.

About Icomera

Icomera believes in a better future powered by a Connected Journey. The Connected Journey is delivered by our unique system that ensures high-performance Internet capability and is the backbone for our range of innovative connectivity solutions for public transport vehicles. We have been delivering reliable, high-speed solutions and improving passenger experiences across the globe since 2001.

Icomera is headquartered in Sweden with offices in the United States, United Kingdom and channel partners worldwide. For more information visit www.icomera.com.



Image: Icomera X-Series X6 SWAP Applications Router with in-built Switch and Access Points
(http://www.icomera.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Icomera_X6-SWAP.jpg)