

Four partners and a strong OMV train



At OMV AG in Vienna-Schwechat, the largest company with a stock-exchange quote in Austria and the leading mineral-oil and natural-gas corporation in Central Europe, have requested a road-rail U 400 for firefighting purposes. The four partners involved in this project were OMV, Pappas, Unimog System Partner Zwiehoff-Zagro and the Austrian vehicle body constructor Empl from Kaltenbach, Tyrol. Among its outstanding features, compared with similar

vehicles, is a video reversing system (centre and right above) with a flat screen, used to observe the front and rear axles when mounting onto the rails. A rail-vehicle brake system for 400 t/24 axles is also installed. To satisfy stringent safety requirements in the mineral oil industry, the extra equipment includes explosion-proof zone II flame-proofing with an exhaust spark trap and a fully-integrated safety control system for the rail travel mode. Erwin Seitz, fire service

manager at OMV in Vienna-Schwechat, has been operating the U 400 for a year now, and says: "Road-rail trucks are nowhere near as efficient as the Unimogs, which have proven to be excellent shunters at our delivery depot in St. Valentin." ■