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### **€25 million contract for delivery of over 100 buses to Ostrava, Czech Republic signed by Solaris**

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**Last year Solaris achieved another sales record. 2015 has started equally successful for the manufacturer with an order from Ostrava City Transport, worth €25 million, for the delivery of 105 Urbino CNG.**

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As a result of winning a competitive tender, Solaris has acquired an order from Ostrava City Transport for the delivery of 105 buses. The total amount of the contract reaches €25 million. According to the conditions, ninety Urbino 12 and fifteen articulated Urbino 18 will be handed over to the customer before the end of this year. Each of the 105 buses will be equipped with CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) powered engines.

These Solaris buses are purchased within the large-scale project to renew Ostrava's fleet. The decision to buy gas-powered vehicles is proof that the city opts for new technology. Besides the investment into the modern vehicles, the operator intends to build two CNG refuelling stations in the near future.

Ostrava inhabitants are well aware of Solaris products. There are 174 Solaris vehicles running on the streets of the capital of Silesian Moravia. Moreover, the already sizable collection of trolleybuses soon will be boosted with another 12 units, constructed in cooperation with Škoda Electric.

"The Czech Republic has become one of our key markets and the most stable export directions in recent years. We are glad that Solaris products have that level of credibility among our southern neighbours and that such a big trust is placed in Solaris. Big orders like this are confirmation of our substantial competence in technology. It also shows how good credentials our vehicles have in Ostrava. I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate our colleagues from Solaris's subsidiary in Czech Republic on this joint success. Thanks to their efforts, our company may name itself as a prominent supplier of public transport vehicles on the Czech market," said Zbigniew Palenica, interim Solaris Bus & Coach Member of the Board for Sales and Marketing.

#### **About Solaris Bus & Coach**

*Solaris Bus & Coach is a major European producer of city, intercity and special-purpose buses as well as low-floor trams. Since the start of production in 1996, over 11 000 vehicles have already left the factory in Bolechowo near Poznań. They are running in 29 countries. Despite its young age, Solaris has become one of the trendsetting companies in its industry. For many years it has been the indisputable leader among the suppliers of city buses in Poland as well as one of the largest suppliers of city buses in Germany.*

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#### **About our company**

Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is one of the leading producers of city and intercity buses in Europe. It focuses in particular on the development of zero-emission vehicles, i. e. electric and hydrogen buses as well as trolleybuses. This has resulted in the widest zero-emission product range in the European market and a leading position in this segment with a market share of 15.2%. Nearly 25,000 Solaris vehicles have been delivered so far and they ply the streets in 850 towns and cities across 33 countries located throughout Europe as well as beyond it. Solaris is part of the Spanish CAF Group (Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles) S.A. From conception, to the design and manufacturing phases, all Solaris buses are produced in Poland. Moreover, all activities undertaken by the manufacturer are in line with the brand's mission, which is reflected in the motto "We are changing the image of public transport". Solaris also actively partners with public transport operators and provides them with comprehensive support in their transition to zero-emission mobility.