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### Solaris Bus & Coach Appoints New Board Members

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On 1 June 2012, Zbigniew Palenica joined Solaris' management as Member of the Board for Finance, Investment and Purchasing. He also supports the company's activities in the rail vehicle business. The experienced public transport manager had been looking for a new professional challenge after 16 years with Kraków City Transport, including nine years on the management board. Palenica is an active member of the Polish Association of Public Transport (IGKM) and the International Association of Public Transport (UITP), where he is a vice president.

On 1 August 2012, another three experienced managers were called to the Solaris executive board. All were previously directors of their respective departments, which have now been elevated to board-level representation.

Małgorzata Olszewska now is Member of the Board for Sales & Marketing. Having joined the company in 2004, she developed her management skills by leading Sales, Bid Preparation and Marketing departments, with Solaris' international subsidiaries also reporting to her. Paweł Kaczalski has been appointed Member of the Board for Production and Dariusz Michalak joins the board with responsibility for Research & Development. Both have been with Solaris for fifteen years.

*"In appointing these new board members, we value the expertise of experienced and dedicated managers who are deeply rooted in our company culture. They have significantly contributed to our successes in recent years and will continue to do so as board members,"* Solange Olszewska comments on behalf of Solaris' owners.

The Solaris Bus & Coach S.A. executive management board now consists of seven persons. Besides CEO Solange Olszewska and the new members, Helena Krystyna Woźniak heads Human Resources and Martin Gruber represents After Sales.

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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.