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Prague City Transport chooses Solaris buses

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After winning a competitive tender, Solaris will deliver 40 Urbino 8.9 LE midibuses to Prague City Transport (Dopravní podnik hlavního města Prahy, a.s.). The first ten will arrive in the Czech capital before the end of 2012, with the remaining 30 to follow in batches over the next three years. The contract is worth 162 million Czech korun (6.5 million euro).

Prague City Transport has chosen Solaris buses for the first time. The Solaris Urbino 8.9 LE midibuses offer excellent manoeuvrability thanks to their length of only 8.95 metres and width of 2.4 metres. Despite their compact size, the low-entry concept allows 27 comfortable seats to be fitted, while a total of 66 people can be carried. Ample space for wheelchair users and passengers with pushchairs is provided opposite the second door. The Urbino midibuses for Prague will be powered by eco-friendly 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engines meeting the EEV emissions standard and generating 181 kW (242 PS). They are matched to ZF EcoLife automatic gearboxes.

Małgorzata Olszewska, Member of the Board for Sales & Marketing at Solaris Bus & Coach, comments: *"The Czech Republic was the first export destination for Solaris buses in 2000, and today it continues to be one of the most important markets for our buses. We value every single contract, and the order of 40 buses for Prague City Transport is a particular success. We are looking forward to seeing our buses on the streets of this beautiful city."*

Additional information:

Solaris is a leading European manufacturer of innovative buses and urban rail vehicles. The family business, founded by Krzysztof and Solange Olszewski, has supplied almost 10,000 buses to customers in 26 countries since production started in 1996. Solaris specialises in state-of-the-art city and intercity buses and offers the world's largest range of diesel-electric hybrid buses. Trolleybuses and electric buses provide public transport that is emission-free at the point of operation. The Solaris Tramino low-floor tram is built for attractive urban rail services.

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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.