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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# Solaris to deliver 200 buses to Belgrade

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Today, representatives of Solaris Bus & Coach signed the contract for the delivery of 200 Urbino 18 articulated low-floor city buses to the municipal transport operator of Belgrade (GSP Belgrade / ГСП Београд).

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The order is the result of a competitive tender process won by Solaris, which called for the delivery of 180 buses with an option to increase the number by up to 15%. The operator exercised this possibility and the €64 million contract covers the delivery of 200 articulated city buses as well as the supply of spare parts during the two-year warranty period.

Production will take place this year. According to the agreement, the first buses will arrive in Belgrade by early July and the delivery of all 200 buses will be completed by the end of October 2013.

"We are delighted to have won this tender, especially as its large volume attracted offers from major competitors from across Europe. Solaris's offer was the best. Although our brand is not yet well known in the Serbian market, we can ensure both the operator GSP and passengers in Belgrade that they will benefit from a product that meets highest European standards. This guarantees comfort and safety on the road." - said Małgorzata Olszewska, Member of the Solaris Management Board for Sales and Marketing.

The first Solaris buses in Serbia were supplied to the city of Novi Sad in 2011. This fleet of six Solaris Urbino 12 CNG city buses is fuelled by eco-friendly compressed natural gas.

The 200 articulated Urbino 18 for Belgrade will offer a low floor throughout the entire bus and will be fully air-conditioned. Their diesel engines will meet the Euro 5 emissions standard. For the safety of passengers, each bus will have a CCTV monitoring system with seven cameras.

## 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