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More Solaris hybrid buses for Hannover

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According to a contract signed with the city's municipal operator üstra, Solaris will deliver twenty-six Urbino 12 Hybrid and sixteen Urbino 18 Hybrid buses to the city of Hannover. The delivery will be completed by 2016.

"We are very satisfied with our cooperation with Solaris. Solaris is as a trusted and innovative business partner whose products are distinguished not only by their quality, but also their competitive price. We value the company's flexibility, customer focus and its after-sales service", says André Neiß, üstra's CEO.

"Solaris vehicles have significantly contributed to our fleet's development over the past years. Their quality and reliability have been appreciated not only by passengers, but also drivers, mechanics and people responsible for the fleet maintenance. The contract for the delivery of 42 Solaris hybrid buses proves that the company is ready to adapt its state-of-the-art vehicles to customer's needs and expectations", says Wilhelm Lindenberg, member of the üstra management board.

The contract envisages the delivery of the vehicles between 2013 and 2016. This year, nine Solaris Urbino 12 Hybrid and the same number of Urbino 18 Hybrid will start the supply.

Hannover's municipal operator üstra already runs 63 buses from the factory in Bolechowo near Poznań, of which 11 are Solaris Urbino 18 Hybrid. The recent contract is another large order from the German market, where Solaris have already delivered almost 2000 vehicles.

"I am glad that our long-standing customer continues to trust in us and has ordered the next Solaris vehicles. üstra is a role model for the industry in terms of its innovation strategy and constant development in the field of sustainable public transport. This contract is also a confirmation of our buses' outstanding performance", says Małgorzata Olszewska, Solaris's member of the management board for Sales and Marketing.

Solaris was the first bus manufacturer to start mass production of hybrid buses in Europe in 2006. These eco-friendly vehicles, consuming up to 30 per cent less fuel than their diesel-engined counterparts are now operated in eight countries: Germany, Belgium, Finland, France, Lithuania, Norway, Poland and Switzerland. Solaris is the only European manufacturer to have five different models of hybrid buses in its offer, adapted to different customers' requirements.

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.