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### Solaris to deliver electric buses to Düsseldorf

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**Solaris has sold further electric buses to Germany. Two twelve-metre Solaris Urbino electric have been ordered by Rheinbahn AG of Düsseldorf for delivery next year.**

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The Solaris Urbino electric for Rheinbahn will be fitted with a 160 kW electric motor and with 210 kWh batteries, which will be charged via a plug-in connection. Additionally, the bus will be prepared to be fitted with a Solaris-developed automatic charging system at a later date. This system, which is installed on the roof of the bus, uses pantographs similar to those of trolleybuses.

*"Rheinbahn always is interested in new technologies and their capabilities. We want to gain extensive operational experience to have a clear view of the capabilities and not to rely on trends. Reliability, real environmental benefits and the actual cost will be part of our assessment. And we will use that as a guide for further action",* said Dirk Biesenbach, member of the Rheinbahn AG management board.

*"I highly value the cooperation with Rheinbahn AG. It is a demanding operator, who always meets stringent quality standards to deliver highest comfort for its passengers. Therefore, the experience that we will gain together with Rheinbahn in using this new technology is very valuable to us",* said Małgorzata Olszewska, Member of the Solaris Management Board for Sales & Marketing.

With the delivery to Düsseldorf's municipal operator, Solaris's electric buses will once more demonstrate their advantages in providing sustainable urban mobility. This zero-emission technology is a benefit to the quality of life of any city.

*"Only a few months after unveiling the twelve-metre version of our battery bus we have already sold four electric buses to operators in Germany and Austria. I am confident that we will multiply this number in the near future. Public transport can no longer be imagined without battery buses",* said Małgorzata Olszewska.

Solaris vehicles are well known in Düsseldorf. Rheinbahn AG operates 78 Solaris buses, including seven innovative diesel-electric hybrids.

#### **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.