



PRESS RELEASE

Solaris to deliver 100 city buses to Izmir

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Two days ago, representatives of the management board of Solaris Bus & Coach and of Izmir's municipal bus operator ESHOT signed an agreement for the delivery of 100 Solaris low-floor city buses.

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The order is the first that Solaris has received on the Turkish market. All 100 buses will be 18-metre articulated vehicles. They will have low floors throughout the entire bus and will be equipped with air-conditioning and engines meeting the Euro 5 emissions standard. Delivery will take place in the first months of 2014.

"Winning this tender on the highly competitive Turkish market, which is dominated by local manufacturers, is a formidable success for us. At the same time, the supply of such a large number of buses is a big challenge and responsibility. However, I can assure our business partners in Izmir as well as the city's inhabitants that they will soon be able to enjoy buses of highest international standards, as people in more than 500 cities in Europe and beyond", said Dariusz Michalak Deputy CEO of Solaris company.

ESHOT is owned by Izmir Metropolitan Municipality and provides bus services throughout the city. Its fleet has a strength of 1,600 buses, which operate 320 routes.

With over three million inhabitants, Izmir is the third largest city in Turkey. Located on the west coast of the Gulf of Izmir agglomeration, it is the country's most important trade port after Istanbul.

Additional information:

Solaris is a leading European manufacturer of innovative buses and urban rail vehicles. Until now, it has supplied almost 10,000 buses to customers in 26 countries. Turkey will be the company's 27th market. Solaris employs more than 2,200 people in Poland and close to 300 in international subsidiaries. Annual production exceeds 1,000 buses and trams. The company's products have won many awards for quality and innovation in Europe and the United Arab Emirates.

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Photos:

- 1. Pictured first from left Dariusz Michalak – the Deputy CEO of Solaris is signing the contract to deliver 100 buses to Izmir with the representatives of ESHOT's board.*
- 2. Solaris Urbino 18 - this type of the bus ordered ESHOT from Izmir.*

Additional information

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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.