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PRESS RELEASE

Castellón de la Plana opts for Solaris trolleybuses

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The order from Via Reservada comprises the delivery of six standard-length Trollino trolleybuses with the eye-catching MetroStyle design. The traction system will be provided by Škoda Electric. Due to the fact that trolleybuses in Castellón de la Plana run on segregated alignments with particular sections for guided buses, the ordered vehicles will be fitted with an additional battery pack ensuring off-wire operation. It will also allow a trolleybus to get independently to a diagnostic station. Batteries will be charged while the vehicles are in operation using the overhead wire or through battery chargers at depots.

The vehicles will be also equipped with the Optiboard system, thanks to which platforms at bus stops can be approached precisely without the driver's input.

"This important order proves that Solaris is always ahead of its customers' needs and provides them with innovative and tailor-made vehicles which meet their demand. Our company consequently strengthens its position on the Spanish market, increasing its presence in this country", comments Martin Gruber, Solaris executive board member for Sales, After Sales, Marketing and Quality Assurance.

Additional information:

Solaris Bus & Coach is a family company founded and owned by Solange and Krzysztof Olszewski. The company is a major European producer of city, intercity and special-purpose buses as well as low-floor trams. Since the start of production in 1996, over 10 000 vehicles have already left the factory in Bolechowo near Poznań. They are running in 28 countries. Despite its young age, Solaris has become one of the trendsetting companies in its industry. For many years it has been the indisputable leader among the suppliers of city buses in Poland as well as one of the largest suppliers of city buses in Germany.

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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.