



PRESS RELEASE

Solaris Urbino now running in Turkey

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In September 2013, Solaris signed a contract for the delivery of 100 low-floor Urbino to ESHOT - the municipal bus operator of Izmir. It was Solaris's first order from the Turkish market. During the last couple of days, Solaris delivered the first batch of 30 buses which have already started their service on the streets of Izmir.

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All low-floor buses for Izmir are equipped with air-conditioning and are fitted with Euro 5 engines. According to local tradition, the vehicles were given their own name and are now known in Izmir as Swans, which refers to their colour, length and design. The first batch of 30 buses arrived in Izmir in February this year and a second batch is planned for March. The contract will be completed in April 2014 with the delivery of the remaining 40 buses.

"With the order for 100 Solaris Urbino articulated buses for Izmir we entered the highly-competitive Turkish market, which is dominated by domestic manufacturers. It is a great success for our company and we look forward to the new challenge which awaits us in this country. I would like to assure our business partner and Izmir's inhabitants that they will be soon be provided with state-of-the-art vehicles whose qualities can be confirmed by Solaris customers from over 500 cities", commented Dariusz Michalak, Solaris Deputy CEO, when the contract was signed.

Those words find their confirmation in opinions shared by the city's inhabitants and drivers who have already discovered the advantages of the Urbino buses recently delivered to Izmir.

ESHOT is a bus company owned by Izmir Municipality. Its fleet is composed of over 1600 buses which cover 320 bus routes in Izmir, the third most populous city in Turkey after Istanbul and Ankara.

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.