



PRESS RELEASE

Dresden opts for Solaris electric bus

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Solaris has signed another contract for the delivery of its electric bus to the German market. The producer will supply Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG with the Solaris Urbino 12 electric. The purchase is a part of the "Elektro-Buslinie 79" project run by the Federal States of Bavaria and Saxony within the "ELEKTROMOBILITÄT VERBINDET" programme ("Electric Mobility connects").

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The Solaris Urbino 12 electric will be delivered to Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG (DVB), a municipal transport company of the city of Dresden, in the first half of 2015. It will be another Solaris bus with an innovative drive system in the operator's fleet. Dresden was the first European city to have ordered the Solaris Urbino 18 Hybrid in 2006.

"We are very pleased that Dresden will soon see its first electric bus with a pantograph in a regular service", said Reiner Zieschank, CEO of Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe.

Experience gained from the use of Solaris hybrid buses will be a good starting point for this new project, coordinated by Dresden University of Technology. The electric bus performance, with particular emphasis on batteries, will be observed by the operator. On the basis of the results Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG will make further decision on the extension of electric bus fleet.

Solaris CEO Solange Olszewska is delighted with this new order: *"By choosing the Solaris Urbino 12 electric, Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG shows its forward-thinking approach to public transport and openness to the most innovative and eco-friendly solutions. This order is particularly important for us, since Dresden was the first European city to have ordered our hybrid bus".*

The Solaris Urbino 12 electric for Dresden will be fitted with a 160 kW engine and 200 kWh batteries, allowing a non-stop operation on the planned routes. Energy for such components as heating, air conditioning, steering system and doors will be supplied from the batteries. They can be topped up through fast charging system with pantograph mounted on the roof and overnight with the use of plug-in.

Solaris Urbino electric will run on line 79 which connects districts Mickten and Übigau. The batteries will be topped up via roof-mounted pantograph at terminus, which will take 3 - 4 minutes. The plug-in will be used for overnight charging in the depot.

The "Elektro-buslinie 79" is one of forty projects run by the Federal States of Bavaria and Saxony within the "ELEKTROMOBILITÄT". It received €1.1 million funding from the German Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure.

Solaris buses are well known to the inhabitants of Dresden where 51 Urbino have been delivered since 2003. Until now, Solaris has sold its electric buses in Germany to Braunschweig, Düsseldorf and Hamburg.

Additional information:

Solaris Bus & Coach 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.