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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 500 Solaris buses in the Czech Republic

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Since 2000, Solaris has delivered 500 buses to the Czech Republic which operate in cities across the country. A recent order for 36 Solaris Urbino articulated buses is the first one placed by Brno's municipal operator, Dopravní podnik města Brna.

"The Czech Republic was the first foreign market entered by Solaris. In 2000, we delivered a Solaris Urbino 15 to Ostrava. It was a milestone for our company", says Dariusz Michalak, Solaris Deputy CEO. "The delivery of the 500<sup>th</sup> Solaris bus to the Czech Republic is a great success for us - it shows the efficiency, reliability and quality we offer. At the same time it is a motivation to continuously reach for new goals", Michalak adds.

In 2001, Solaris established its subsidiary Solaris Czech in Ostrava, which is responsible for sales and after-sales activities on this market as well as delivering spare parts. The 500<sup>th</sup> Solaris low-floor bus on the Czech market is equipped with a 231 kW diesel engine and a Voith DIWA 5 gear box. Solaris buses have previously been delivered to Ostrava, Pardubice, Pilsen, Prague and Teplice, among other cities.

## 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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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.