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### 24 Solaris trolleybuses to be delivered to Budapest

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Solaris manufactures these trolleybuses in cooperation with Škoda Electric. The Czech producer delivers the trolleybus traction system and a battery set which makes the vehicle able to operate away from overhead wires at least 4 kilometers. Each vehicle is fitted with the Škoda BlueDrive system and electric motors delivering 160 kW in the 12-metre standard version and 250 kW in the articulated trolleybuses.

All vehicles are completely low-floor, air-conditioned and equipped with a CCTV monitoring system which ensures the safety of passengers. Furthermore, there is a reversing camera as standard. Interior LED lighting makes the journey much nicer, LED daytime driving lights outside the bus increase safety.

'Budapest is already a leading city in Europe as far as electromobility – electric transport – is concerned. This is best illustrated by the existing metro, tram and suburban railway network. In addition, Budapest boasts one of the longest trolleybus networks in Europe and even worldwide. The current procurement of brand new trolleybuses has been supported by EU funds covering 99% of expenditure. This present contract with Solaris lays the foundation of the future of trolleybus transport in Budapest,' emphasised BKK CEO Dávid Vitézy at the signing of the agreement

Solaris vehicles have been present in Hungary since 2002. So far, nearly ninety Solaris buses and trolleybuses have been running on Hungarian streets – in the capital city of Budapest as well as in Debrecen and Nyíregyháza, towns in the northeast of the country. With the new order from Budapest, Solaris Bus & Coach strengthens its position as the biggest trolleybus manufacturer in the European Union.

#### **About Solaris Bus & Coach**

*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 11 000 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.