



PRESS RELEASE

Warsaw buys ten Solaris Urbino electric buses

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The first of these clean and quiet electric buses will be delivered to MZA in May 2015. Deliveries will be concluded by June next year. The Solaris Urbino 12 electric for Warsaw are fitted with 200 kWh batteries and 160 kW traction motors. Batteries will be charged with the use of a conventional plug-in connection. Furthermore, the charger is provided with an option to lower the charging power to 40 kW. The construction of the Urbino electric offers an alternative to mount another charging system in the bus – a pantograph installed on the roof.

Passengers of the Solaris buses will certainly make use of all the usual facilities MZA buses are equipped with, such as air-conditioning, bus surveillance cameras as well as CCTV monitoring system. There will also be wireless internet access on board.

“The vehicles purchased are absolutely emission-free and very quiet. These electric buses stand for the true modernity of MZA,” said Jan Kuźmiński, Warsaw City Bus Company CEO. “In the first place, the Solaris Urbino electric will operate on the glamorous Royal Route.”

“We congratulate MZA on this forward-looking investment in the technology of the future. We want to confirm to the people of Warsaw that the buses ordered are European quality products of highest standards. We are proud that it is Solaris which will have the pleasure of delivering electric buses to Warsaw City Bus Company. Purchasing electric vehicles is putting MZA among the leading and most innovative public transport operators in Europe,” stated Solange Olszewska, CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach.

By 2016 there will be at least 30 electric buses running in MZA's fleet. These exquisitely modern vehicles will have their base at Redutowa depot in Warsaw.

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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.