



PRESS RELEASE

Changes in the Solaris Bus & Coach Management Board

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Following a decision of Solaris owners Solange and Krzysztof Olszewski as well as the Solaris board, Dr Andreas Strecker will become the new Chief Executive Officer of Solaris Bus & Coach with effect from 1st April 2015.

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“On 1st April 2015, I will step down as CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach,” Solange Olszewska explains. “This decision has been taken in agreement with the entire board of the company. It is a carefully considered step that has long been in the planning by us and my husband. Our company and our employees are ready for a change. Just as today, Solaris will belong to the Olszewski family. As owner and advisor to the board, I will continue to provide support on strategic decisions affecting the development of the company.”

With effect from 1st April, Dr Andreas Strecker will be the new CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach.

Andreas Strecker holds a doctorate in Technical Business Administration from the University of Stuttgart. He has over 15 years of experience in transport industry, including nine years as President and CEO of Daimler Buses North America. Previous work for Daimler AG and its subsidiary EvoBus GmbH included being head of worldwide bus strategy as well as controlling bus manufacturing activities in Mexico, Latin America and Asia. For the past four years, Dr Andreas Strecker was Chief Financial Officer of Novoferm Group, a leading European producer of building materials. He is 53 years old, married and has two children.

“We have known Dr Andreas Strecker for close to 20 years, having first met during IAA Commercial Vehicles 1996 in Hannover,” Solange Olszewska says. “I am convinced that his knowledge and his international experience in the bus industry, together with the skills of the remaining members of the board, most of whom have been working with us from the beginning, will guarantee further dynamic growth for Solaris.”

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 29 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.