



PRESS RELEASE

Jubilee Solaris Trollino number 1001 will run in Gdynia in northern Poland

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Two special trolleybuses have left the Solaris plant in recent weeks. The Trollino with the number 1000 went to Salzburg in Austria. The 1001st Solaris trolleybus was built for trolleybus operator PKT in Gdynia, who today celebrated the handover of the vehicle, which is fitted with the latest environmentally-friendly technologies.

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Two new, completely low-floor Solaris Trollino 12 have been delivered to Gdynia, northern Poland. Their most significant feature is an energy storage system which allows them to operate independently from overhead wires for up to fifteen kilometers. It was made possible thanks to an innovative lithium-ion battery set drawing energy from the overhead wires at other times, as well as from a three-phase plug connection installed in the depot. In addition, the recuperation system will allow batteries to recover energy from the braking process, which will lower operating costs.

The Trollino 12 have been equipped with a package of modern solutions intended for the passengers' comfort in particular. Air-conditioning of the compartment, as well as a CCTV monitoring system should be noted. Also, LED daytime driving lights and a reversing camera will be mounted in the bus. The 175 kW traction motor will provide the power to drive the vehicle. Medcom is the supplier of all electric equipment in the trolleybus.

"I am very proud that the collaboration between PKT Gdynia and Solaris is so satisfactory. It had its origins in 2001, when our first trolleybus was built. The trolleybus presented today is a good example of the technical capabilities that Solaris has in the area of electric mobility. Thanks to the batteries, the Trollino will be able to operate out of reach of overhead wires. The effect is a vehicle successfully combining the best features of trolleybuses and battery buses," said Solaris management board member Zbigniew Palenica at the handover ceremony in Gdynia.

The official presentation of the 1001st trolleybus was an opportunity to reflect that the very first Trollino built by Solaris was bought by PKT Gdynia in 2001. Almost fifteen years of cooperation between the operator and Solaris has resulted in purchases of fifty-four 12-metre trolleybuses in total. The city transport company has been continuously investing in its modern fleet and developing the trolleybus network in the city. The effort to make this eco-friendly mode of public transport accessible to citizens has been noted by the European Commission. Recently, PKT Gdynia won the prestigious RegioStars 2014 award for its development of clean public transport. The latest order for two modern trolleybuses was the result of plans to extend line 21 in Gdynia. From May, the route will lead to the Aquarium.

For many years, Solaris Bus & Coach has been the leader of the trolleybus market in the European Union and EFTA countries. Solaris Trollino run in Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and in Switzerland.

In the picture (from the left to the right): Zbigniew Palenica, Member of the Board of Solaris Bus & Coach S.A., Dr Piotr Małolepszy, CEO of PKT Gdynia, Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała, Deputy Mayor of the City of Gdynia, Tomasz Labuda, Deputy CEO of PKT Gdynia

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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 12 000 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.