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### **New-generation Solaris buses already in Wejherowo and Grudziądz**

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**Operators from Wejherowo and Grudziądz were the first companies in Poland to receive the new Solaris buses. The passengers of these cities already travel with the new-generation Urbino. By the end of 2015, further units will be handed over to Płock and Olsztyn City Transport.**

Wejherowo City Transport is the first Polish owner of Solaris Urbino 12. Just after the official handover the bus started its regular passenger service. In the new, 12-metre Solaris bus, thirty seats are available and fourteen of them are pedestal-free. Whole passenger compartment is air-conditioned and monitored with four wide-view CCTV cameras. In the newly purchased Urbino for Wejherowo the power is supplied by the DAF/PACCAR MX-11 Euro 6 engine which meets the most restrictive fuel emission standards. The energy-efficient and economical LED technology provides interior and exterior lighting.

Both Solaris Urbino 12 for Grudziądz City Transport are equipped with identical drive units as the vehicle for Wejherowo. To ensure safety and comfort of both the passengers and the driver an air-conditioning and monitoring system have been also installed. Moreover, there are three USB chargers available in buses for Grudziądz, enabling to top up phones, tablets and other electronic devices.

'We are very proud to have our customers' trust and appreciate their confidence in our new product. Wejherowo and Grudziądz were among the first to order the new Solaris buses. It is therefore our pleasure to deliver these innovative vehicles', said Dr. Eng. Dariusz Michalak, Deputy CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach.

Soon, further Urbino in the new design will be handed over to Polish customers in Płock and Olsztyn. The operator in Płock purchased two 12-metre buses as well as one new Urbino 18 which will also be the first articulated model of new Solaris in Poland. A total of thirty-five units will go to Olsztyn. The municipal operator of the capital of Warmian-Masurian region ordered six 12-metre and six articulated Urbino of the new generation, while twenty-three Urbino 12 will be delivered to Meteor, the independent bus operator from Olsztyn which has recently won the tender for operating a part of bus routes.

The recently-launched new Solaris Urbino 12, the flagship product of Polish manufacturer of city buses and trams, is an innovative city bus, which provides robust rigidity while being significantly lighter in weight. The new construction of the vehicle is expected to lower fuel consumption and operating costs and guarantees highly distinguished aesthetics. High standards of comfort for passengers were achieved through a spacious and bright interior supported by its assured handling. The whole was completed with the eye-catching, expressive, but also functional design which creates attractive travelling environment for passengers. Service accessibility of the new Urbino 12 is improved with screwed body paneling, allowing quick replacement and repair in case of damage. Hatches now open to 170°, 40° more than before, to facilitate easy access to components.

New Solaris Urbino 12 was honored with this year's prestigious IF DESIGN Award. The fruit

of Solaris's engineers' work and was appreciated by a jury consisting of fifty three international experts in the field of design. The winning designs were chosen from almost five thousand projects from all over the world. The bus was also appreciated by The International Association of Public Transport winning the first prize in the design category of UITP Awards 2015 as an innovative project which create a great value for the public transport development and give attractive impulses to its operation. The new Urbino was honored on Solaris's domestic market as well winning TOP Design Award in automotive industry and public transport category.

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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.