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PRESS RELEASE

First production models of the new Solaris Urbino 10,5 purchased

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The 2016 MIDI class premiere – the new Solaris Urbino 10,5 – has been purchased by two European carriers. The first being Austrian Postbus which decided to buy three buses of the new type. The other, Komorniki Public Transport (PUK Komorniki Sp. z o. o.) based in Greater Poland area signed an agreement with the manufacturer to deliver two new Urbino 10,5 and six new Urbino 12 buses.

The 10,5 meter bus has first been introduced to the public during the last year's Kielce Transexpo trade show. The vehicle has been built based on a 12 meter bus modules, shortened in the area between first doors and rear axle. What is important for customers, the new model uses the very same elements of side panels as in the 12 meter type. The shortening of the construction forced reduction of axle base from 5900 mm to 4450 mm, which improves the handling of the bus. Owing to its relatively small external size and ease of maneuvering, the bus is an ideal solution for narrow streets of many European cities. The front and rear parts of the bus remained unchanged.

In Austrian Postbus Lienz model, the producer used an 240 kW DAF/PACCAR MX-11 engine, which will handle the conditions in the mountains of Tirol. The Polish carrier buses will use a 186 kW Cummins ISB6.7 250B engines. Both of the units comply with the strict Euro 6 standards.

Both of the customers chose different technical solutions in their Urbino 10,5. The Lienz buses would use a 1-2-0 door configuration and offer 26 seated places, including 10 available from low floor. Komorniki's bus characterizes with 2-2-0 door system and seats 23 people, 6 available from low floor. The common feature of all 10,5's is the feeling of comfort for its passengers delivered by, for example, ecological LED interior lightening, sufficient air conditioning and ticketing machines.

The Bolechowo based producer has been in cooperation with Postbus, one of Austria's largest public transport provider, for many years. The new 10,5 buses tender is a part of a frame agreement signed late in 2015, which enables Postbus to order up to 288 buses. To date, 32 buses have been delivered within this agreement. The customer's reception of the three MIDI buses is planned to take place at the end of February, and the deliveries are to begin early in March.

The contract signed with PUK Komorniki to deliver two new Urbino 10,5 and six new Urbino 12 buses is the largest agreement Solaris ever made with the carrier. Three Urbino vehicles, already in service for the Greater Poland's transport provider, will be joined by the newly ordered buses in autumn this year. They will carry passengers in Komorniki and Poznań region.

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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.