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### Ostrava orders 40 gas Solaris buses

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**At the beginning of January Solaris Bus & Coach S.A. signed a contract with Ostrava-based Dopravní Podnik for 40 new Solaris Urbino 12 CNG buses. It is the second-biggest order ever of compressed natural gas vehicles of the Polish manufacturer in the Czech Republic.**

24 new Solaris Urbino 12 CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) buses, commissioned by local operator Dopravní Podnik Ostrava a.s., will make it to the Czech city of Ostrava by the end of this year. The remaining 16 ordered vehicles shall be delivered in the first quarter of 2019. The value of the contract is about PLN 45 million (ca. 12 million euro).

80 passengers will fit on board of the air-conditioned buses equipped with wireless Internet and easily accessible USB ports. The external and internal lighting will be made of environmental-friendly and economical LED lamps. The vehicle will be fuelled with low-emission compressed natural gas (CNG) stored in composite CNG tanks with a total capacity of 1575 litres.

"I am extremely glad about the possibility to carry out yet another order for Ostrava. It is not only our first customer in the Czech Republic but also the first (in 2000) foreign buyer in Solaris' history altogether. In 18 years of collaboration we have supplied 250 buses and trolleybuses to Ostrava," notes Zbigniew Palenica, Vice-CEO of Solaris Bus & Coach S.A.

It is the second-biggest contract of the Polish manufacturer for compressed natural gas fuelled buses in the Czech Republic. The biggest one - for a total of 105 vehicles - was completed by Solaris in 2015, and was also concluded with Ostrava. After completion of the deliveries scheduled for this year the total number of Solaris vehicles on the Czech market will exceed 1000 buses and trolleybuses.

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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.