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PKM Katowice orders five Solaris Urbino 12 electric city buses. 100th electric contract for Solaris

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On August 12, a contract was signed in the headquarters of a local transport operator Przedsiębiorstwo Komunikacji Miejskiej (PKM) in Katowice between the carrier and representatives of Solaris Bus & Coach S.A. including the delivery of five Solaris Urbino 12 electric electrobuses. This contract is also the jubilee, 100th one for the supply of battery vehicles from the manufacturer from Bolechowo.

The electric buses ordered on Monday will not be the first vehicles of this type in Katowice. At the beginning of the year, Solaris supplied five articulated Urbino 18 electric to the PKM operator. Earlier, two Urbino 8.9 LE electric blood collection buses ordered by the Regional Blood Donation and Blood Treatment Center arrived in Katowice. According to the terms of the latest contract, the ecological Solaris Urbino 12 electric will be delivered to the customer within 350 days from the date of its signing, and the total value of the contract exceeded PLN 15 million.

The electric buses for Katowice will be driven by a centrally mounted 160 kW traction motor. A set of Solaris High Energy batteries with a total capacity of 250 kWh will be responsible for storing energy needed to drive the vehicles. Charging of the batteries will take place via a plug-in connector and the so-called inverted pantograph - there will be power collectors installed on the roof of vehicles, to which the pantograph, permanently mounted on the mast of the stationary charger, will be lowered to initiate the energy replenishment process.

The buses will provide a journey for at least 80 passengers at one time, 26 of them seated. The 2+2+2 door layout will ensure an effective passenger exchange. The interior of the vehicles has been designed with as to ensure a high level of safety and comfort. The equipment of Urbino 12 electric ordered by PKM Katowice will include, among others: efficient air conditioning, an extensive passenger information system and CCTV including passenger compartment cameras and reversing camera. A separate camera was placed in the driver's cabin. The equipment will be complemented by a set of ŚKUP devices (Silesian Public Service Card), allowing, among others a purchase of a ticket in a vehicle.

The manufacturer from near Poznań is currently carrying out another order placed by the public transport operator PKM Katowice, which includes the delivery of 25 Solaris Urbino 12 city buses powered by ecological diesel engines. After its completion, the number of vehicles manufactured in Bolechowo, included in the Silesian carrier's fleet, will exceed 150, i.e. over half of the entire stock.

The contract signed on Monday is an exceptional one for Solaris. This is the jubilee, 100th contract signed by the manufacturer from Bolechowo for the supply of electric buses. To date, since the delivery of the first electric bus to a customer from the Austrian Klagenfurt in 2013, the European leader in electromobility has delivered or acquired orders for over 700 vehicles from the Urbino electric family. They can be found on the streets of 17 European countries, in dozens of cities.

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Solaris Bus & Coach sp. z o.o. is a leading producer of city and intercity buses in Europe. It focuses on the development of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles, i. e. electric and hydrogen buses as well as trolleybuses. Over 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. All activities undertaken by the company are in line with its mission, which is reflected in the brand's promise: to change 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. Solaris products have been repeatedly awarded for quality and innovation. The Urbino 18 hydrogen bus has won the prestigious 'Bus of the Year 2025' title.