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Solaris heads north: 126 new buses for Scandinavia

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With new orders for a total of 126 buses, Solaris Bus & Coach will significantly expand its presence in Scandinavia. In Norway, the new buses will deliver highest standards of quality and passenger comfort to operators in

Romerike and Nordhordland. Further state-of-the-art Solaris buses will run in the Swedish capital Stockholm and in Denmark's historic port city Århus.

In the Romerike region north-east of the Norwegian capital Oslo, the bus network will be renewed from 1 July 2009 with the commencement of new service tenders. Part of the new face of public transport in Romerike will be 58 brand-new Solaris Urbino 12 LE buses. UniBuss, owned by the City of Oslo, will operate 45 of them. The remaining 13 new Solaris buses for Romerike will be in the hands of Nettbuss, Norway's largest bus company.

The Solaris Urbino 12 LE unites excellent accessibility with high levels of comfort by combining a low floor front section with a traditional rear that allows all seats to be forward-facing. On the vehicles for Romerike, passengers will benefit from seats with reclining backrests and individual overhead spotlights. Full air-conditioning also is provided along with a CCTV monitoring system. The buses for Romerike will be powered by biodiesel-fuelled DAF engines meeting the demanding EEV emissions standard.

A further Norwegian order calls for eleven Solaris Alpino 8.9 LE midibuses for Concordia Bus. The buses will be delivered in August 2009 for services in the Nordhordland region centred on the country's second-largest city, Bergen.

- I am extremely delighted with these orders from Norway's biggest bus operators - said Terje Bjørndalen, head of Solaris Norge AS. - Solaris has listened to the Scandinavian customer and developed a special 'Nordic package' for the challenges of the cold climate. With the use of stainless steel throughout, double-glazing, special insulation and a powerful heating system, highest quality is assured.

In Sweden, Solaris buses will soon become a familiar sight on the streets of the capital Stockholm with the delivery of 28 Solaris Urbino 12 CNG for Busslink, the city's main bus operator. Busslink, owned by French transport group Keolis and Greater Stockholm transport authority Storstockholms Lokaltrafik, operates a fleet of 1,500 buses throughout the metropolitan region. The new Solaris buses will have Iveco engines running on environmentally-friendly biogas.

Completing the recent Scandinavian contracts is a repeat order from Denmark. Århus Sporveje operates bus services in Denmark's historic port and university city of Århus on behalf of tendering authority Midtrafik. This year, its fleet will be enhanced by 22 Solaris Urbino 12 and seven Solaris Urbino 18 low floor city buses, bringing the total number of Solaris Urbino buses in Århus to 91.

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About our company

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.