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Combined strength: Solaris and Hess Deliver Bus Train to Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal

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Flexibility is the order of the day with the new Solaris/Hess bus train for German operator Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal GmbH. The bus train combines a low-entry Solaris Urbino 12 LE intercity bus with a low-floor passenger

trailer built by Swiss specialist Hess.

Solaris Bus & Coach and Hess have for the first time delivered a modern bus train to a German operator. For Kaufbeuren-based Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal GmbH, it opens up new possibilities in flexible scheduling.

Meeting peaks in passenger numbers is no problem for the new, 23.6-metre Solaris/Hess bus train. When schoolchildren create high demand between Kaufbeuren and Mindelheim, the bus no longer is on its own, but is joined by the spacious passenger trailer. Between them, bus and trailer offer 83 seats and provide capacity for a total of 155 passengers.

Fitted for trailer operation are two new 12-metre Solaris Urbino 12 LE are fitted for trailer operation. Their low-entry design combines easy low-floor access with high passenger capacity. The robust underframe of the rear part of the vehicle allows them to be fully adapted for the tractive forces of passenger trailer operation.

The bus train is completed by a passenger trailer built by Hess. The low-floor trailer has a length of 9.8 metres. Wide double doors ensure short stop dwell times.

"In choosing this bus train, Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal has opted for an extremely cost-efficient mode of transport," said Solaris Regional Sales Manager Rudi Hönle at the official handover in Kaufbeuren. "The Solaris Urbino 12 LE shows its strengths as a reliable and attractive intercity bus. Thanks to our partner Hess, its capacity can now be doubled at any time, making it fit for any operational requirements."

"With this bus train, Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal benefits from Hess's long-standing experience in building passenger trailers," said Jörg Räber, Sales Advisor at Hess.

Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal was established in 1925 and is based in the Bavarian city of Kaufbeuren. It provides city and regional bus services throughout Ostallgäu district as well as in neighbouring Unterallgäu and Landsberg am Lech. 55 buses are used on twelve city bus routes and nine regional bus routes, carrying 3.5 million passengers a year.

Image Captions

Image 1: Solaris Regional Sales Manager Rudi Hönle (right) hands over the Solaris Urbino 12 LE to Dirk Elies, Managing Director of Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal GmbH (left).

Images 2+3: The new Solaris/Hess bus train of Verkehrsgesellschaft Kirchweihthal GmbH.

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