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Solaris at Transport 2011 Exhibition in Lillestrøm, Norway

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Solaris will present its innovative city and intercity buses at Transport 2011 exhibition in Lillestrøm, Norway on 8-10 September 2011. On Stand C01-02, Solaris shows an Urbino 18 Hybrid city bus and an Alpino 8.9 LE low-entry midibus. Solaris has been active in Norway since 2006 and has rapidly built up a remarkable presence on the market with 250 buses sold so far.

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Solaris joins Transport 2011 at the Norway Trade Fair exhibition centre in Lillestrøm, near the capital Oslo, to show its latest offer for eco-friendly and sustainable urban and interurban transport. Presented on the stand will be two buses from recent deliveries to Norwegian customers.

An articulated Solaris Urbino 18 Hybrid is one of five such vehicles entering service in Oslo from 1 October 2011, together with ten 12-metre hybrids and 16 new conventional diesel buses. Joining the fleet of Unibuss, they will operate city services on behalf of Ruter transport authority. The Urbino 18 Hybrid has a parallel hybrid system developed and supplied by Allison Transmission, combining a 181 kW EEV-standard diesel engine with two 75 kW electric motors. Power supply is shared between diesel and electric engines for ideal performance, with energy recuperated during braking stored in on-board batteries, ready to boost subsequent acceleration. Independent tests according to UITP's SORT standards confirm a reduction in fuel consumption of up to 24%. Emissions are reduced by up to 78%, making the Urbino 18 Hybrid the perfect choice for the environment.

Solaris's second bus at Transport 2011, a Solaris Alpino 8.9 LE midibus, is part of Unibuss's fleet in Vestfold. Using the low-entry concept, which combines step-free entrances with comfortable forward-facing seats in the rear of the bus, this versatile midibus is suited to both city services and interurban routes. With a vehicle length of only 8.9 m and a narrow width of 2.4 m, there is nevertheless room for up to 27 fixed seats plus another four tip-up seats, resulting in class-leading capacity and comfort.

Solaris has been active in Norway since 2006 and is represented by its subsidiary, Solaris Norge AS. Within just five years, almost 250 buses were sold to customers throughout the country, making Solaris one of the major players on the Norwegian market. New deliveries this year include 31 buses for Unibuss's Oslo operations as well as six articulated Urbino 18 which Nettbuss will use on airside duties at Oslo-Gardermoen airport.

During Transport 2011 exhibition, there will be a press conference on 8 September 2011, 3pm, on the Solaris stand C01-02. Representatives of Solaris Bus & Coach and Solaris Norge will be on hand to present the company's development and news.

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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

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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.