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### Solaris and Valmet Automotive to cooperate in Finland

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**Leading European bus manufacturer Solaris Bus & Coach and Valmet Automotive, experienced service provider for the automotive industry, have signed an agreement on cooperation in Finland. Based on the agreement Valmet Automotive will consult and support Solaris's entry to the Finnish market area. Possibilities for product development cooperation are also being considered.**

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Valmet Automotive reinforces its Business Services with a cooperation agreement with Polish bus manufacturer Solaris Bus & Coach. Within the open-ended agreement, Valmet Automotive has a versatile role as Solaris's partner in Finland. Solaris will operate as the importer of its buses. Local partner Pehycon will be responsible for service and maintenance.

Valmet Automotive intends to expand the Business Services considerable in the next few years. The Solaris agreement extends the service offering to buses, and enables Valmet Automotive to use its strong expertise in marketing consulting.

*"Bus operators in Finland have been waiting for Solaris's entry. We are pleased that we can help Solaris in their efforts in Finland from the very beginning. Solaris introduces several interesting, modern and competitive alternatives",* says Mr. Hans Svensson, Sales and Marketing Director, Business Services, Valmet Automotive.

*"Solaris intends to establish itself strongly in the Nordic Countries, and entry in Finland is a strategic choice. We are pleased to have Valmet Automotive, a well-known and capable partner in Finland",* says Ms. Malgorzata Olszewska, Global Sales and Marketing Director, Solaris.

Valmet Automotive is a leading service provider in automotive engineering, vehicle manufacturing, convertible roof systems and related business services. Focus areas of expertise are premium cars, convertibles and electric vehicles. Today Valmet employs 1,700 professionals in Finland, Germany, Poland, Sweden and the USA. Valmet Automotive's customer references of vehicle manufacturing in Finland include Fisker Automotive, Garia, THINK and Porsche. The units in Germany and Poland provide roof systems for customers like Daimler, Renault, BMW/MINI and VW/Bentley.

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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.