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Solaris Bus & Coach – Company Profile

Solaris is a leading European manufacturer of innovative public transportation vehicles, such as buses, trolleybuses and urban rail vehicles. The family business, founded by Solange and Krzysztof Olszewski, has supplied over 16,000 vehicles to customers in 32 countries since production started in 1996. Solaris specialises in state-of-the-art city and intercity buses and offers the world's largest range of diesel-electric hybrid buses. Trolleybuses and electric buses provide public transport that is emission-free at the point of operation. The Solaris Tramino low-floor tram is built for attractive urban rail services.

Solaris Bus & Coach is a family-owned and family-run enterprise. Founder Krzysztof Olszewski gathered solid experience in the bus industry at a well-known German bus manufacturer, where he held important managerial positions for 15 years. In 1994, he introduced the first low-floor bus to the Polish home market and thus, became a pioneer in this field. Olszewski founded his own production site in Bolechowo, near Poznań, in 1996.

Since the start of production, over 16,000 buses have been built at this plant. Initially, the success was achieved on the home market. Export activities of Solaris buses started in 2000 and have since significantly contributed to the dynamic growth of the company. Solaris buses are operated in 32 countries, such as Germany, Norway, Morocco and United Arab Emirates.

The company's development demonstrates continuity, dynamism and permanent enlargement of the product range by adding innovative vehicles. The current product range centres on the Urbino family of urban and suburban low floor and low entry buses. A range of the Trollino trolleybuses offers zero-emission propulsion. In 2006, Solaris presented Europe's first hybrid diesel-electric bus based on volume-production technology. In 2011, Urbino electric – first Polish battery bus was officially presented. Since that time, Solaris became a European leader in e-mobility offering a wide range of battery buses with different types of batteries and charging options. Furthermore, Solaris special vehicles designed for uses ranging from airport transport to mobile blood donation stations are known throughout Europe.

All Solaris products are technologically advanced and based on most available solutions and components. Unique products symbols that identify and distinguish Solaris's are an asymmetric windscreen that allows better visibility of passengers waiting at bus stops and a green dachshund that stands for friendliness towards the environment and passengers, good economy in maintenance and, most of all, for reliability.