

## PRESS RELEASE

### VDL introduces a new Futura model during Busworld 2013

**During Busworld 2013, VDL Bus & Coach will introduce the Futura FMD2, a new model within the Futura family. The Futura FMD2 is a multipurpose vehicle that takes maximum advantage of the modular construction technique employed by VDL and all the related benefits. The new Futura FMD2 will be on display at the VDL Bus & Coach stand (hall 4, stand 404) during Busworld 2013 (18-23 October 2013, Kortrijk, Belgium).**

#### Profitable all-rounder

The VDL Futura FMD2 is a coach with many possibilities. The vehicle can be used for both touring and intercity transport. The floor height of 1,250 mm provides easy entry and egress, while the optionally available wide centre door can be equipped with a cassette lift to enable disabled passengers to safely enter and exit. The driver enjoys the same dashboard as found in the Futura FHD2, which is designed to offer the optimal combination of ergonomics, safety, organization and efficiency. The operator will experience that the Futura FMD2 offers Profit of Ownership: the low net weight, reduced fuel consumption, high passenger capacity, generous luggage space and low running costs make the Futura FMD2 a highly profitable investment.

#### Available models

The Futura FMD2 is available in two different lengths: the FMD2-122 with a length of 12.2 metres, and the FMD2-129 with a length of 12.9 metres. Engine options for the efficient driveline include the new generation of DAF Euro 6 engines, the MX-11/240 (240 kW – 326 hp) and MX-11/270 (271 kW – 369 hp). These engines can be combined with a ZF EcoShift 6-speed manual gearbox, a ZF AS Tronic 12-speed semi-automatic gearbox or the ZF EcoLife 6-speed semi-automatic gearbox. The Futura FMD2 will be available from mid-2014.

#### VDL Bus & Coach

The core activities of VDL Bus & Coach consist of the development, manufacturing, sales and after-sales of a wide range of buses, coaches and chassis modules and the purchase and sales of second-hand buses. Manufacturing takes place in the Netherlands and Belgium. VDL Bus & Coach places high value on quality, safety, durability, the environment, low fuel consumption, comfort and low maintenance costs. Sales of VDL Bus & Coach products take place through a worldwide network consisting of corporate-owned sales offices, importers and agents in more than 30 countries. This makes it possible to offer custom-made transport solutions. For after-sales and maintenance, the client can count on rapid, hassle-free assistance from VDL Bus & Coach employees in any of the many service locations. An extensive distribution network ensures that spare parts and accessories are delivered to the requested destination as quickly as possible. VDL Bus & Coach is one of the largest bus producers in Europe.



## VDL Groep

VDL Bus & Coach is part of the VDL Groep. The VDL Groep, with its head office in Eindhoven, is an international industrial company focused on the development, production and sales of semi-manufactured products, buses & coaches and finished products. Since the founding in 1953 this family-owned company has grown to include 81 operating companies, spread over 18 countries with approximately 8,800 employees. The strength of the VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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