

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Delivery of 35 VDL mini buses for Syntus**

VDL Bus & Coach delivered 35 mini buses to Syntus in early August 2015. The vehicles will be put in service in the Dutch provinces of Overijssel and Gelderland. Of the 35 mini buses, 10 vehicles are destined for the concessions Midden-Overijssel and 25 vehicles for the Veluwe. Syntus places great importance on quality and has therefore decided to replace all the mini buses at the same time. These mini buses have an entry door behind the B-pillar, which is unique in the Netherlands.

#### **The VDL mini bus**

The VDL mini buses for Syntus are built on the basis of a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter. Unique to this bus is the entry door, which is located behind the B-pillar. All 35 mini buses have eight passenger's seats and one driver's seat. Its compact dimensions (total length is 5.930 metres) make this bus highly manoeuvrable.

#### **Syntus**

Syntus B.V. provides the public transport in the Veluwe, Gelderland, Midden-Overijssel and Twente. This includes public transport by bus and train. Syntus is a 100% subsidiary of France-based international public transport operator Keolis. Syntus has 15 locations and around 1,300 employees. The vehicle fleet consists of 376 buses and 9 trains. Total provided service is 97 million passenger-kilometres per year.

#### **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 VDL Groep. VDL Groep, with its head office in Eindhoven (The Netherlands), is an international industrial company focused on the development, production and sales of semi-finished products, buses & coaches and other finished products and the assembly of



cars. Since the founding in 1953 this family-owned company has grown to include 87 operating companies, spread over 19 countries with more than 10,400 employees. The strength of VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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