

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VDL Bus & Coach delivers 25 Citeas to Transdev Sverige**

In June 2016, VDL Bus & Coach delivered 23 VDL Citeas LLE to Transdev Sverige. These were the very first VDL Citeas LLE 3-door version to be delivered to Sweden since their introduction at Busworld 2015. The last 2 of the total order of 25 VDL Citeas LLE 3-door version will be delivered in August. All the Citeas LLE will be put in service in the city of Umeå, the largest city in northern Sweden. Umeå is one of the fastest growing cities in Europe and was even named European Capital of Culture in 2014. The city is also known as the 'birch city', because of its many birch-lined avenues. Stickered with a birch leaf motif, the VDL buses blend in perfectly on the streets of vibrant Umeå.

#### **VDL Citea LLE 3-door version**

The 25 VDL Citeas Light Low Entry are optimally adapted to meet the needs of Transdev Sverige. These Citeas LLE-120 have been built with a 1-2-1 door configuration, 38+1 seating arrangement, room for 44 standing passengers and one wheelchair space. Additionally, the buses are outfitted with a 'Nordic Pack', which includes extra insulation and heating to cater to the cold climate in Sweden. The low floor construction at the entry and exit doors provides optimal accessibility for wheelchair users and passengers with baby buggies. The 3-door version provides an even greater range of deployment options. The Citea Light Low Entry is a true lightweight champion. One of the most important benefits of the exceptionally low kerb weight is significantly lower fuel consumption than conventional buses. This not only results in a considerable reduction of harmful emissions but lower operating costs as well. Add to that the long service life of the Citea and the result is maximum "Profit of Ownership".

#### **Transdev Sverige AB**

Transdev Sverige operates passenger services under contract to regional public transport authorities throughout Sweden and also runs its own commercial train and bus services. Transdev is one of Sweden's largest operators of passenger services. Safety, reliability and customer service are Transdev's main priorities and approximately 3,700 people are employed throughout the country to ensure these standards are met. Transdev Sverige is part of Transdev Group, a world leader in mobility. With 83,000 employees in 19 countries, the group operates 43,000 vehicles and 22 tramway networks. In 2015, Transdev generated 6.6 billion euros of turnover.

#### **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, the conversion or extension of mini & midi buses 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 11,000 employees and a turnover of 2.7 billion euros. The strength of VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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