

## PRESS RELEASE

### 30 VDL Citeas LLE and 13 Futuras for Kynnisferdir of Iceland

This summer, VDL Bus & Coach delivered 30 VDL Citeas LLE and 13 VDL Futuras to Icelandic operator Kynnisferdir. This is not only the largest delivery in the history of VDL Bus & Coach for Iceland but it is also the first delivery for the public transport market. Kynnisferdir, which operates in the tour world under the name Reykjavik Excursions, have expanded their operations to include more public transport services. The VDL Citeas LLE will be deployed on lines operated for local public transport company Strætó bs.

“We are proud of the fact that we may provide line services for Strætó. For us, the decision to expand our fleet with 30 VDL Citeas LLE for these line services is a logical choice. The extremely low kerb weight of this bus, with as main benefits significantly lower fuel consumption and lower maintenance costs, fits perfectly with our commitment to efficient, more sustainable and more environmentally friendly passenger transport,” says Kristján Daníelsson, Managing Director Kynnisferdir.

“We are very pleased with this large delivery to Kynnisferdir and the fact that we are taking the first steps in the Icelandic public transport market. We hope to further expand the successful collaboration with Kynnisferdir in the future,” says Rémi Henkemans, Managing Director VDL Bus & Coach bv.

Besides the 30 VDL Citeas LLE, 13 Futuras were also delivered, including a new Futura FDD2 double-decker. With the delivery of this Futura FDD2 double-decker Kynnisferdir not only has the first for Iceland but for the whole of northern Europe. Another unique aspect is that Kynnisferdir's VDL Futura FDD2 is the only double-decker coach on the island, equipped with all the latest technologies and conveniences.

#### **VDL Citea LLE: innovative, lightweight concept**

For the VDL buses with a lightweight construction the focus is on achieving better fuel economy and the resulting emissions reductions. Naturally the buses also continue to meet the highest safety standards. In light of the current cost pressure, the choice for the VDL lightweight concept is a logical step for passenger transport companies that not only want to provide the best possible transport for their passengers but also seek to reduce emissions of harmful substances.

The Citeas LLE for Kynnisferdir have a length of 12 metres, a 2+2+1 door configuration, seating for 33+3+1 (including wheelchair space) and space for around 42 standing passengers. The low floor construction at the entry and exit doors provides optimal accessibility for wheelchair users and passengers with baby buggies. All the buses are equipped with free Wi-Fi.

### **VDL Futura: 'Profit of Ownership'**

The VDL Futura is a coach that uses cutting-edge technology for maximum 'Profit of Ownership' by combining fuel-efficient, environmentally friendly, powerful engines with an exceptionally low kerb weight. Low operating costs and high capacity make the Futura an exceptionally profitable investment.

The total delivery to Kynnisferdir consists of one Futura FDD2-141 double-decker with a length of 14.1 metres and space for 92+1+1 passengers, seven Futuras FHD2-148, 3-axle coaches with a length of 14.8 metres, and five Futuras FHD2-129, 2-axle coaches with a length of 12.9 metres.

All the Futuras will be used for Kynnisferdir's luxury travel package and are equipped with extremely comfortable furnishings, USB charging points and free Wi-Fi.

### **Kynnisferdir – Reykjavik Excursions**

Kynnisferdir – Reykjavik Excursions is one of Iceland's largest coach operators. They offer a wide range of services and excursions for groups and individual travellers. The extensive fleet includes vehicles of various lengths and versions so a tailored package trip can always be offered. On top of their touristic activities, Reykjavik Excursions also operate Iceland's Flybus service from Keflavik airport.

### **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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