

PRESS RELEASE

VDL Bus & Coach delivers 62 Citeas to Arriva Nederland for Southeast Friesland and West Frisian Islands concession

VDL Bus & Coach has delivered 62 Citeas to passenger transport company Arriva Nederland for the Southeast Friesland and Dutch West Frisian Islands concession. The vast majority of the delivery consists of Citeas LLE-120. Starting on 11 December 2016, the date upon which the concession starts, 48 vehicles of this model have been scheduled to operate on several lines in Friesland. 14 VDL Citeas Electric are bound for the West Frisian Islands. They are 10 Citeas SLF (12 metres in length) and 4 articulated Citeas SLFA (18 metres in length).

14 VDL Citeas Electric

VDL Bus & Coach offers the opportunity to choose from various electric drive systems, battery packs and charging systems so the most ideal and optimal combination can be selected for every deployment area, without affecting accessibility, interior layout or comfort. As a result, passengers are taken to their destination in a low-noise and environmentally friendly manner, but also in a comfortable manner. For the West Frisian Islands Arriva has opted for 10 VDL Citeas SLF-120 Electric, 12 metres in length, and 4 articulated VDL Citeas SLFA-180 Electric, 18 metres in length. All electric Citeas are fitted with a rapid charging system using a pantograph.

48 VDL Citeas LLE

The VDL Citea LLE is distinguished by its extremely low net weight, with major advantages being significantly lower fuel consumption in comparison to conventional buses and lower maintenance costs. The fuel saving not only means lower operating costs but also significant reduction of the CO₂ emissions. All the buses for Southeast Friesland are fitted with Wi-Fi and USB charging points for every seat. With these 48 Citeas LLE Arriva's existing LLE fleet has once more been increased.

Arriva Nederland

Arriva Nederland is part of the Arriva Group, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn. Arriva is a leading passenger transport company, operating in 14 European countries. In the Netherlands Arriva employs 6,000 staff in the provinces of Drenthe, Flevoland, Friesland, Gelderland, Groningen, Limburg, North Brabant, Overijssel and South Holland. In addition to train and bus service, Arriva operates the waterbus in South Holland in partnership with Koninklijke Doeksen and is active in the Dutch touring coach sector under the name of Arriva Touring.

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 89 operating companies, spread over 19 countries with more than 13,000 employees and an expected turnover of 3 billion euros in 2016. The strength of VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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