

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **New order of Citeas LLE-127 for Finnish public transport company Pohjolan Liikenne**

Finnish bus company Pohjolan Liikenne has placed a Citea order with VDL Bus & Coach for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. This latest order consists of 23 Citeas LLE-127 and is a follow-up order to the 5 Citeas LLE-127 and 24 Citeas XLE-145 delivered last year for Espoo, a city near Helsinki. Pohjolan Liikenne has once again chosen the Citea LLE-127 for the 1-2-1 door configuration that simplifies boarding and alighting and ensures optimal passenger flow. The new Citeas will be used on the same lines in Espoo as the Citea LLE-127 delivery last year. Delivery will take place in late November of this year.

#### **Citea LLE-127**

The Citea LLE-127, with a length of 12.7 metres, is the longest Citea LLE version. The extended wheelbase provides room for four more seats than the 12-metre version. Compared to similar buses with the same number of seats, the Citea LLE-127 also benefits from the advantages of low total weight: reduced fuel consumption, lower emissions of harmful substances and reduction of maintenance costs, which means lower TCO and more Profit of Ownership.

The low fuel consumption and resulting lower emissions of harmful substances not only make the buses an asset to Pohjolan Liikenne but also to the residents of Espoo. The new Citeas have special underfilm corrosion protection on all the floor elements and XPS side wall insulation material. Pohjolan Liikenne has opted for this because the bus interiors are cleaned with a pressure washer. This way moisture intrusion is minimized, extending the life of the interior.

#### **Pohjolan Liikenne**

Pohjolan Liikenne is one of the largest Finnish bus companies. With a fleet of 550 buses and coaches, the company provides local, regional and long-distance services mainly in southern Finland. The annual turnover is € 95 million, and the company employs 1000 people. Pohjolan Liikenne's buses and coaches transport some 30 million passengers a total of 30 million kilometres each year. Pohjolan Liikenne is a subsidiary of VR, the Finnish national railway company.

#### **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 90 operating companies, spread over 19 countries with almost 15,000 employees and an annual turnover of 3.2 billion euros in 2016. The strength of VDL Groep lies in the mutual cooperation between the companies.

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