ADL receives next Swiss double deck order with 13 Enviro500 for Lausanne

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Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL) is to deliver 13 Enviro500 double deck buses to Transports publics de la région lausannoise (tl) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The buses will have capacity for 120 passengers, 79 of them seated, and will enter service from July 2019 to replace and enlarge tl’s double deck fleet.

The 13-metre, three-axle Enviro500 buses will serve regional routes which provide connections between city and countryside. With 79 seats, 52 of them upstairs, tl’s customers will travel in full safety and comfort, while the provision of three doors and two staircases guarantees smooth passenger flow. On the lower deck, there is space for passengers with reduced mobility, offering room for up to two wheelchairs or multiple pushchairs. The Enviro500 will be built to a high specification which notably includes double glazing, LED lighting and USB sockets allowing passengers to charge their electronic devices.

The Enviro500 ordered by tl will remain within the Continental European vehicle height limit of four metres. ADL is using its global expertise to adapt these double deck buses to local requirements. They nevertheless benefit from common components and design structures shared with a fleet of over 6,000 Enviro500 in service around the world, such as the lightweight aluminium body structure that delivers world-class fuel efficiency.

“We’re delighted that tl have chosen ADL to supply new double deck buses for the Lausanne region and surrounding areas. Operator, driver and passengers will enjoy the benefits of our Enviro500, which is built to the high standards that have made us the world market leader in double deck buses,” said Colin Robertson, ADL Chief Executive.
The deal with tl is ADL's second contract for double deck buses in Continental Europe after a launch order for 19 Enviro500 was placed by PostAuto for use in Eastern Switzerland. The first of these have been in service since mid-2017.

The Enviro500 for tl will be built at ADL’s factories in the United Kingdom.

About tl

Transports publics de la région lausannoise (tl) carry 118 million customers annually. Their fleet consists of 211 buses and trolleybuses serving 30 routes in addition to metro services.

tl have operated double deck buses since 1998. The hitherto small fleet of only six double deck buses will be enlarged to 13 vehicles, allowing the operation of route 60 to be strengthened along with other service improvements.

About Alexander Dennis Limited

Alexander Dennis Limited (ADL) is Britain's biggest bus and coach manufacturer and a global leader in the manufacture of lightweight, fuel-efficient vehicles. It employs 2,500 people and supports a further 1,500 through build partnerships around the world.

The Enviro500 is the world's best-selling low-floor, three-axle double deck bus, with over 6,000 sold since its introduction in 2002 to operators in Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States and Mexico.
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