

MEDIA RELEASE

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**Repeat order – more trams for Bergen, Norway
Stadler Pankow GmbH delivers another five trams to Bergen**

In 2008 the city of Bergen placed its first order with Stadler for 12 Variobahn trams – the first 3 vehicles are already in place and will be starting passenger service in the days to come. The Variobahn trams will serve the approximately 10-kilometre-long, newly built route between Bergen town centre and Nesttun.

Last weekend, during an event celebrating the upcoming start of passenger service, Stadler Pankow GmbH received a repeat order from Bybanen for a further five Variobahn trams. The order is worth around EUR 12 million and results from the exercising of an option. From 2012, these vehicles will be in operation on the planned route extension beyond Nesttun.

These bidirectional vehicles are the same as those from the initial order and are 100% low-floored. The vehicle, which is 2.65 metres wide and 32.1 metres long, has seats for 84 people and standing room for 128. Air-conditioned passenger and driver cars, spacious articulation joint transitions and four outside doors on each side ensure a pleasant journey.

The Variobahn trams are manufactured at Stadler Rail Group's competence centre for trams in Berlin.

Stadler Rail Group, system supplier of customer-specific solutions for rail vehicle construction, has locations in Switzerland (Altenrhein, Bussnang and Winterthur), in Germany (Berlin-Pankow and Velten), in Poland (Siedlce), in Hungary (Budapest, Pusztaszabolcs and Szolnok), in the Czech Republic (Prague), in Italy (Merano) and in Algeria (Algiers). The Group has a workforce of over 3,000 people around the world. The best-known vehicle series from Stadler Rail Group are the articulated multiple-unit trains GTW (501 trains sold), the Regio-Shuttle RS1 (409 trains sold), the FLIRT (579 trains sold), the double-decker DOSTO (125 trains sold) in the railway segment, and the Variobahn (269 trains sold) and the newly-developed Tango (142 trains sold) in the tram segment. Furthermore Stadler Rail manufactures passenger carriages and locomotives and is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion rail vehicles.

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