

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Stadler to build 11 more trains for the BVG

- **Units will be produced at rail vehicle manufacturer Stadler Pankow GmbH's Berlin factory**
- **Delivery of the underground trains planned for 2017**

**Berlin, 20 July 2015.** The Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) and Stadler Pankow GmbH are set to continue their cooperation, with 11 more underground trains to be completed in Berlin Pankow by the end of 2017. Two type IK underground train prototypes – which have already been dubbed “Icke” by the BVG – are currently undergoing trials on the BVG route network. With funds provided by the Berlin Senate from the Special Infrastructure Fund for the Growing City (SIWA), the BVG is now in a position to request further prototype vehicles in the near future. The total order volume amounts to approximately EUR 60 million.

“We are delighted to be able to expand our underground train fleet with 11 more of these modern vehicles in the near future,” said Dr Sigrid Evelyn Nikutta, Chairwoman of the Management Board and Operations at the BVG. “We are all aware that Berlin is growing. And the new trains, which we are able to buy thanks to the SIWA funds from the Berlin Senate, will help to ensure that the BVG’s mobility services can grow together with the city.”

“The continuation of our successful cooperation with the BVG is an endorsement of the quality of our work and our innovative vehicle solutions,” said Ulf Braker, Director of Stadler Pankow GmbH. “We’re absolutely delighted and we are very proud to produce more trains for our capital city and thus also the domestic market.”

The new vehicles are to be fitted with the technical configuration necessary to travel on both narrow- and wide-profile tracks. The four-carriage bidirectional vehicles are equipped with bright, friendly passenger compartments and a modern height compensation system. This allows the vehicles to be adjusted to different platform heights. Due to the slight outward

curve of the carriage walls, which is known as “ballooning”, the carriages measure 2.4 metres across. Each underground train contains around 80 seats and provides additional standing room for 260. Consistent barrier-free access and increased multi-purpose areas have been designed with comfort in mind for those with restricted mobility. Bulky luggage, pushchairs and bicycles can also be more easily transported.

**Stadler Rail Group**

Stadler Rail Group, system supplier of customer-specific solutions for rail vehicle construction, has locations in Switzerland (Altenrhein, Bussnang, Winterthur and Biel), in Germany (Berlin-Pankow, Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, Berlin-Reinickendorf and Velten), in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Belarus, Algeria and in the USA. The Group has a workforce of around 6000 people. The best-known vehicle series from Stadler Rail Group are the articulated multiple-unit train GTW (600 trains sold), the Regio-Shuttle RS1 (497 trains sold), the FLIRT (1,120 trains sold), the double-decker multiple-unit train KISS (216 trains sold) and the high-speed train EC250 (29 trains sold) in the railway segment, and the Variobahn (365 vehicles sold) and the Tango (159 vehicles sold) in the tram segment. The Metro is another addition for the commuter rail market (13 + 23 vehicles sold). Furthermore, Stadler Rail manufactures metre-gauge trains, passenger carriages and locomotives and is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion rail vehicles.

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**Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) AöR**

The Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) AöR is the engine that has driven Berlin for the past 85 years. With its dense route network, modern vehicles and highly competent service, Germany's largest municipal public transport company is responsible for a significant proportion of the high quality of living today in the city and its surroundings. Berlin's local transport system includes an attractive range of mobility services, holding its own in terms of quality and network density even on an international scale. The BVG transport network consists of 10 underground train routes, 22 tram routes and 151 bus routes. Night and weekend routes ensure 24-hour service, seven days a week. Around 13,000 BVG Group employees serve an urban agglomeration with approximately 3.5 million inhabitants, and a total catchment area of around 1,000 square kilometres. BVG buses and trains were used by 980 million passengers in 2014.

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