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A first for Stadler: trams for the Czech Republic

Stadler won the tender to develop and build 40 trams for the Dopravní podnik Ostrava a.s. (DPO) operating company in Ostrava. The order is worth a total of approximately CHF 45 million. The Ostrava trams are being planned and constructed by Stadler Prague. Stadler will work closely with Czech suppliers. This is the first time that Stadler has received an order for trams from the Czech Republic.

Daniel Morys, Executive Director of Dopravní podnik Ostrava a.s., and Peter Jenelten, Executive Vice President Marketing & Sales at Stadler, signed the contract for the delivery of 40 adapted Tango trams. The contract between DPO and Stadler covers the delivery of 30 + 10 2-car low-floor uni-directional trams for normal gauges. The order is worth a total of approximately CHF 45 million. The trams are based on the tried-and-tested Tango design, but have been tailored to DPO requirements in Ostrava with low-floor technology and other customised adaptations to fit their unique intended purpose. Stadler Praha is overseeing project planning and engineering.

Signing the contract in Ostrava, Executive Director Daniel Morys emphasised the importance of the project: "I am very satisfied with the course of this public contract, and I believe that the Swiss quality of the new trams in Ostrava will bring higher comfort for travelling, which we really request, and our passengers will be happy about the new trams." Peter Jenelten, Executive Vice President Marketing & Sales at Stadler, added: "We are proud to be able to deliver the first trams to the Czech Republic, and we are looking forward to providing passengers in Ostrava with a very high degree of comfort and a thoroughly pleasant ride. Our sales team has much appreciated the whole professionally lead process of the tender by DPO."

The 2-car trams for the city of Ostrava are 24.9 metres long, 2.5 metres wide, and 3.6 metres high. They offer space for up to 188 passengers, with seats for 61. The vehicles have low floors throughout, and also feature four wide doors for quick and efficient boarding and disembarking, as well as a wheelchair ramp. The vehicles are fully air-conditioned and have a maximum speed of 80 km/h. They meet all the relevant safety standards and the front of the trams is optimised for pedestrian safety.

The electric trams from Stadler represent a particularly attractive investment thanks to their proven design, low overall system costs and reliability. They are approved by a wide range of European countries and can be found operating in a number of different configurations in countries including Switzerland, Germany, France and Denmark, with Russia soon to join the roster as well. The first tram for Ostrava will be in the final assembly phase in March 2018.

About DPO

Ostrava Transport Authority operates public transport in Ostrava. The Authority is founded and owned by the City, replacing previous number of independent operators in the region during 120 years of public transportation history. Major transport system is the tram network, followed by buses and trolleybuses (electric buses). Total network length is 450 km with annually mileage over 32 mil. vehicle kilometers and ridership about 90 million passengers. Fleet consists of 634 vehicles of all kinds. Ostrava Transport Authority employs 1,900 workers and is an important employer in the region. Huge experience and the long tradition of public transport services are forcing the Authority to provide reliable and high quality services for all customers.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for 75 years. The system provider of rail vehicle construction solutions is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland, and has a workforce of around 7000 based in various locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Belarus, Algeria and the United States. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the heavy and urban transport segments: High-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Furthermore, Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. Stadler remains the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

More Stadler figures: The best-selling FLIRT (Fast Light Innovative Regional Train) vehicle has already sold over 1400 units in a total of 17 countries. The KISS (the name is an acronym of the German for Comfortable Innovative Speedy Suburban Train) is also very popular: It has sold 258 units in 9 countries. The most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe, the EURO 4000, has sold 130 units in 7 countries. Additionally, Stadler Service maintains vehicle fleets comprising over 680 vehicles that cover a combined annual distance of 110 million kilometres in 16 different countries.

Stadler Praha s.r.o. employs a flexible and effective team of engineers and developers. Approximately 80 employees are involved in both the current contract and others, supporting our Stadler development centres through the services they provide.

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