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**Stadler wins an order for 64 FLIRTs for the Hanover suburban railway**

**Transdev contracted Stadler to design, build and deliver 64 electrical trains of the FLIRT type for use on the suburban railway lines in Hanover.**

The company Transdev GmbH won a Europe-wide public tender to operate the suburban railway in Hanover. From the end of 2021, the Transdev subsidiary Nordwestbahn will be operating the ten suburban railway lines in and around the capital of Lower Saxony. In addition to the 13 existing vehicles, it will also be deploying 64 new electrical trains of the FLIRT type by Stadler. The contract is valued at approximately 320 million Euros. Transdev now operates a fleet of 100 FLIRT of varying configurations and equipment in Germany.

The three-part trains for the suburban railway in Hanover have a total vehicle length of 68 metres with eight passenger doors on each side that allow fast passenger exchange. There is space for 397 passengers in the video-monitored passenger areas, of this number 180 on seats. The multiple units are equipped with a universal toilet equipped for the disabled in accordance with TSI PRM and, like all FLIRT trains, have bright, friendly passenger areas, are barrier-free and continuously stepless. The very large multi-purpose areas offer space for the transport of up to twelve bicycles, bulky luggage and pushchairs. They are equipped with sockets for charging e-bikes and spaces for wheelchairs acc. to TSI PRM. The modern passenger information system with monitors in each entrance area and also the on-board WiFi equipment allow the passengers to keep up-to-date in real-time during their journey. The vehicles achieve a maximum speed of 160km/h.

“We are very pleased to have received the order in the Lower Saxony region and that we can consolidate our pleasant and constructive cooperation with Transdev on the Hanover suburban railway,” says Thomas Ahlburg, CEO of Stadler. “This order reiterates the fact that the FLIRT, as a customizable vehicle with comfortable equipment, state-of-the-art technology and smooth running properties, is ideal for meeting all requirements of regional rail passenger systems.”

“Winning this order is an outstanding success for our Group, and the largest rail order in our history. We will do everything in our power to complete this project successfully. Procuring the new FLIRT vehicles is part of this - they will clearly improve the quality of the suburban railway for the customers,” says Dr Tobias Heinemann, management spokesman of Transdev GmbH.

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## **About Stadler**

*International rail vehicle construction company, Stadler, is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland. Founded in 1942, it has a workforce of over 7,600 based in various production, service and engineering locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Belarus and the United States. Service locations are also being operated in countries including Algeria, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the UK. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the heavy and urban transport segments: high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter heavy rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.*

*The best-selling FLIRT (Fast Light Intercity- and Regional Train) vehicle has already sold more than 1,600 units in a total of 18 countries. The KISS, an acronym of the German for Comfortable Innovative Speedy Suburban Train, is also very popular, with nearly 300 units sold in 11 countries. The most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe is the EURO4000, which has sold 140 units in 7 countries. The Stadler Service division maintains vehicle fleets and comprises more than 680 vehicles, covering a combined annual distance of 120 million kilometres in 16 different countries.*

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