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**Stadler to deliver eight additional KISS EMU to Hungarian Railways**

**Hungarian passenger service operator MÁV-START Zrt. and Stadler have signed a contract today about the delivery of eight additional six-car double-decker KISS EMU trains. The new trains will enter service expectedly in the first half of 2021. With this order MÁV-START increases its double-decker fleet to 19 KISS trains.**

The large capacity trainsets will open a new chapter in the history of the Hungarian railways, because they will be the first double-decker EMU to operate commercially in the country. The new trains will operate in the most frequented lines of the suburbs of the capital between Budapest-Vác-Szob and Budapest-Cegléd-Szolnok.

MÁV-START and Stadler signed a framework agreement last year for the delivery of up to 40 units, which can be exercised in the form of different delivery contracts during the following eight years. Together with the current agreement and the contract for the delivery of eleven units signed in 2017, MÁV has ordered a total of 19 units from the available 40, and its objective is to call the remaining 21 units too. The project is financed by the Integrated Transport Operational Programme (ITOP) of the European Union.

The 155.88 meter long, 2.8 meter wide and 4.6 meter high multiple units will consist of six carriages. The trains will seat 600 people comfortably, that is 50% more passengers compared to a single-decker unit with the same length. The trains will be equipped with four toilets, one of them accessible for persons with reduced mobility, while in the multifunctional areas they will offer space for four wheelchairs, as well as twelve bicycles or five strollers. The new vehicles, which have been designed according to the latest safety standards, will be equipped with EVM and ETCS Level-2 train control systems, making them able to run at a top speed of 160 km/h on the modernised railway lines of Hungary. Passenger comfort will be further enhanced by a state-of-the-art passenger information system, cutting edge air conditioning, free WIFI and an exceptionally smooth ride quality.

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*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 170 million kilometers in 16 different countries.*

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