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First Stadler US FLIRT trains go into service in Texas and more milestones in the U.S.

Stadler celebrates a major accomplishment in the US when TEXRail started passenger service from Fort Worth to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport for the first time. In June 2015 the contract for delivery of eight four-car, newly developed FLIRT trains was signed. Only three and a half years later commercial service of this state-of-the-art train commences. Furthermore Stadler has been able to win a contract for the delivery of additional double-deck trains to CalTrain to expand their future fleet. Last but not least Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway Company in Manitou Springs, Colorado, ordered rack-and-pinion diesel locomotives and passenger cars.

The first ever FLIRT trains for the United States were assembled at the company's only manufacturing site in the US, in Salt Lake City, UT. With this, Stadler hits an important milestone in the company's history. TEXRail is the first project under Buy America completed in the United States and the reason the US branch was launched about two years ago. Only three and a half years after signing the contract a completely new train enters commercial service. The trains were well received by the public, as over 11 000 passengers rode the Stadler trains the first weekend following the opening.

The diesel multiple unit FLIRT trains for TEXRail offer 224 seats and additional standing room for 254 passengers, and are equipped with a bathroom system which, like the entire vehicle, meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for persons with reduced mobility. The low-floor trains are accessible with level boarding through all wide doors. The trains will operate on the commuter route in the corridor between downtown Fort Worth and the northern railway terminus of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas.

Besides TEXRail, Stadler was able to celebrate further milestones in December. CalTrain signed a contract to order three additional trains and middle-cars from Stadler to expand their future fleet from 16 six-car KISS model double-decker electric multiple-unit trains to 19 seven-car train sets. CalTrain announced their decision to purchase additional trains after receiving new funding from California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA's) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), but made the order official with Stadler at the end of December.

In addition, Stadler gained an order to produce three rack-and-pinion diesel locomotives and nine passenger cars for Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway Company in Manitou Springs, Colorado. After closing down operation of their run-down cog-rail line in October 2017, Manitou & Pikes Peak Railway Company announced plans to re-open in 2021. Stadler is proud to be part of the project by supplying the new vehicles, the cog-rail system as well as a snow removal system.

To take on the new projects and to secure future successes of this kind, Stadler US is building their own manufacturing site in Salt Lake City. The new US headquarters will be located near the airport, in northwest Salt Lake City. Stadler will open the plant and celebrate this milestone with a grand opening in early summer of 2019.

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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 170 million kilometers in 16 different countries.

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