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Stadler is to supply 14 trams of the next generation of vehicles to HEAG mobilo Darmstadt

Stadler has emerged as the winner of the HEAG mobilo GmbH tender for the delivery of 14 trams, with an option for up to 30 additional vehicles. Stadler has thereby succeeded in placing its new tram family successfully on the market for the first time within a very short time. The contract is valued at approx. 62 million euros.

HEAG mobilo, the Darmstadt tram operator, has awarded Stadler the contract for the delivery of 14 trams of the next generation of vehicles. As a result, Stadler has acquired an initial buyer for the company's newly developed tram model within a very short time. The innovative low-floor vehicles have been optimally tailored to the requirements of operators and passengers alike. With a vehicle length of 43 metres, the five-car unidirectional vehicles offer space for 284 passengers, with seats for 103 of them. The optimised passenger compartment allows unrestricted access to the seats from every vehicle door. The position of the wheelchair spaces within the multi-purpose areas is identical to that in vehicles from the current rolling stock in order to make it easier for passengers to find their way around the new trams. Large panoramic windows provide a clear view and, together with the high ceiling, create a feeling of spaciousness. The trams are fully equipped with modern CO₂ air conditioning systems that work with the natural refrigerant CO₂, ensuring a much better environmental performance than with conventional refrigerants.

A driver assistance system with traffic sign recognition increases vehicle transport safety. The new and innovative bogie technology helps to optimise installation space, increase passenger comfort as well as improve the maintainability and economic efficiency of the vehicles. In addition, the new Stadler low-floor tram family enables a very high degree of flexibility and standardisation, from which HEAG mobilo will be the first customer to benefit. The new trams will start passenger service in mid-2022.

"It makes us proud to have placed our new and highly innovative tram model in Darmstadt within such a short time", says Christoph Klaes, Head of LRV Sales Stadler. Dirk Schillings, Chief Technical Officer LRV at Stadler: "We are convinced that the new low-floor vehicles will meet the high standards of innovation demanded by passengers and HEAG mobilo."

"We are very pleased by the successful outcome of the tendering process. The procurement of the 14 new ST15 trains is the largest investment in the history of HEAG mobilo. We are delighted to be obtaining one of the most modern and innovative tram models currently available on the market", says Michael Dirmeier, Managing Director of HEAG mobilo.

About Stadler

International rail vehicle construction company, Stadler, is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland. Founded in 1942, it has a workforce of around 10,500 based in various production and over 40 service locations. 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.

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