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Stadler secures contract in Denmark - Odense Letbane orders 16 trams

Stadler Pankow comes out on top again in Denmark with a successful tender issued across Europe. As part of the launch of a new light rail system, Denmark's third largest city, Odense, has placed an order for the manufacture and supply of sixteen trams type Variobahn. The order totals around 45 million Euro. Stadler signed the deal to supply 16 low-floor LRVs during an official event on 14th June with the operator Odense Letbane. By the end of 2020 the fleet of trams should enter service.

This is Stadler's second light rail contract in Denmark. Back in 2014 the rail manufacturer was selected to supply 23 VARIOBAHN and TANGO LRVs to the Danish city, Aarhus. Like Aarhus, an entirely new rail infrastructure is being constructed in Odense.

The first vehicle will be delivered to Denmark in autumn 2019. By December 2020 Odense plans to launch the fleet in the local transport network. The new tramlines are forecast to connect around 35,000 passengers, 33,000 workplaces as well as 23,000 student study spaces every day.

“In the last few years selected cities in Denmark are beginning to build light rail systems. Winning the bid for the initial project in Aarhus and now again in Odense reinforces the success of our experienced VARIOBAHN.” says Ulf Braker, CEO of Stadler Pankow. “Once again we are extremely proud to have a great product meet with such success in the international market. We extend our thanks to Odense Letbane for their faith.”

“I am extremely proud and excited that we have just signed the Contracts with Comsa S.A.U. for delivery of the Transportation System and with Stadler Pankow GmbH for delivery of the Rolling Stock”, says Mogens Hagelskær, CEO of Odense Letbane.

“The Rolling Stock is supplied by Stadler Pankow GmbH which is based in Berlin. Stadler has supplied the lightrail vehicles to the cities of Bergen in Norway and Aarhus here in Denmark. Odense Letbane has learned a lot from these projects, which is why we know, that the Rolling Stock will be of high quality and very reliable. Stadler is known for delivering well-proven standard solutions combined with modern technology – and all this with the best of German thoroughness.”

Stadler's VARIOBAHN

VARIOBAHN light rail trams are flexible in length, carriage width, and track gauge due to their modular construction. The bidirectional vehicles have a fully low-floor design, accommodating 193 passengers with step-free access to platforms. Air-conditioned carriages for passengers and driver compartments, double

glazed windows, spacious gangways as well as five exterior doors on either sides are all features for Odense. Variobahns reach a maximum speed of 70 kilometres per hour. For years VARIOBAHN streetcars have been successfully operating in London, Bochum/Gelsenkirchen and the Norwegian city of Bergen, whose tram network was voted the “world’s best urban transport system” in 2011.

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About Odense Letbane

Odense Lightrail is being constructed from 2015 to 2020. The lightrail project was decided by the Council of Odense in 2011. The municipality of Odense, the Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing, and the Region of Southern Denmark are financing the project of DKK 3 billions.

Odense Lightrail will form the backbone of the city. It will increase accessibility between the different parts of the city for the local population, businesses and educational institutions. With its 14 km of track and 26 stations, the lightrail will be linking areas of urban development with the city centre and the campus area, which will have 60,000 daily users in 2024.

The lightrail runs from 05 am to 01 pm daily with 8 departures pr. hour during working hours. Approximately 34,000 passengers are expected to use the lightrail daily. In addition the lightrail will benefit the environment. It is quiet and runs on clean energy along green tracks with grass and trees.

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 more than 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 railway and commuter rail segments: high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Furthermore, Stadler also manufactures main-line dual-mode 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 1,400 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 consisting of over 680 vehicles that cover a combined annual distance of 120 million kilometres in 16 different countries.

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