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## Stadler wins order for 18 KISS for DB Regio

**DB Regio and Stadler sign a contract for the development, construction and delivery of 18 double-deck trains of the KISS type for use on the East electrical network. The order volume is approximately 220 million Euro.**

Once again, DB Regio AG has been commissioned to operate the East electrical network to the north-east of the Hamburg region. Starting in 2022, 18 KISS vehicles (a German acronym for comfortable innovative speedy suburban train) by Stadler will be used here for the first time. Jure Mikolčić, CEO of Stadler Germany, and Torsten Reh, Head of DB Regio Nord, signed the contract today.

The four-part double-decker trains, which comprise two railcars and two central cars, can transport up to 880 passengers quickly, safely and comfortably to their respective destinations. Each double-decker car has 405 seats, 38 of which in first class. The first class areas are located in the upper area of the vehicles and offer plenty of leg space thanks to the 2+1 arrangement of the seats. All vehicles have WiFi, power sockets and CCTV of the passenger areas. A modern passenger information system and electronic reservation system further enhance travel comfort.

The lower level of the double-decker trains has spacious and easily accessible multi-purpose areas for transporting wheelchairs, prams or up to 36 bicycles, as well as wheelchair-accessible toilets. The trains are accessed without steps as the doors are equipped with a gap bridge, and are optimised to a platform height of 76 centimetres. There are eight entrances along the 106 m long vehicle to facilitate speedy and smooth passenger changes at the stations.

Thanks to four driven bogies, the vehicles have impressive driving dynamics with a top speed of 160 km/h. Up to three railcars can be connected to each other to allow up to 2,640 passengers to be transported per connection.

The use of Stadler's own new train control system, GUARDIA, marks a further important milestone for Stadler in its efforts to expand its signalling business. The train control system will be retrofitted when the fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt is expanded.

This order from Schleswig-Holstein means that DB Regio AG now uses Stadler vehicles in seven federal states, although the KISS vehicles are being used for the first time in Germany.

«We are delighted with this order from the Schleswig-Holstein region because it means we can continue our successful working relationship with Deutsche Bahn. This contract confirms that railway companies need modern, reliable and smooth-running double-decker vehicles that can transport a high number of passengers easily and quickly», says Jure Mikolčić.

Torsten Reh adds: «We are also very proud to be the first company in the north to use these new Stadler vehicles for DB Regio. This is a very attractive, future-oriented rail offer for our passengers.»

According to the contract, the new vehicles will be tested as of June 2022 to ensure a smooth operational start when the timetables change in December 2022.

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