

PRESS RELEASE

56 Citea LLEs for Nobina in Finland

Passenger transport company Nobina has signed a contract with VDL Bus & Coach bv for the delivery of 56 type LLE (Light Low Entry) Citeas. This order is the largest in the history of VDL Bus & Coach for the Finnish market. The LLE-model Citea will be put in service in Helsinki in mid-August 2012.

Citea LLE

The Citea LLE is an innovative light weight, low-entry bus concept, especially designed for the demanding conditions of city and intercity transport. The innovative manner in which these models are constructed has resulted in a very light weight bus, offering a number of major benefits, which include significantly lower fuel consumption compared to conventional buses, reduced CO₂ emissions and lower maintenance costs. The low-floor construction at the entry and exit doors ensures the best possible accessibility for wheelchair users and passengers with baby buggies. Accessibility has been further enhanced through the elimination of steps between the entry and exit. The Citeas for Nobina have a length of 12 metres, are equipped with a Euro 5 engine featuring EEV (Enhanced Environmentally-friendly Vehicle) technology, 39+4+1 seats and room for around 40 standees. All the buses will be used for public transport in Helsinki.

Exceptionally proud

“This order confirms our strategy for light weight concepts, with a focus on the European public transport segment. We are exceptionally proud of the fact that this larger order has strengthened our business with Nobina, and we expect to continue building on that relationship in the future”, commented Rémi Henkemans, managing director VDL Bus & Coach.

Nobina Group

The Nobina Group, with locations in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark, celebrated its 100-year jubilee last year. In total, the Nobina Group has a fleet of some 3,500 buses and employs around 7,600 people. The company provides public transport services in Scandinavia at both the regional and interregional level. Nobina transports around 280 million passengers per year. Nobina Finland provides public transport in the Greater Helsinki Region.

VDL Bus & Coach

The core activities of VDL Bus & Coach consist of the development, manufacturing, sales and after-sales of a wide range of buses, coaches and chassis modules and the purchase and sales of second-hand buses. Manufacturing takes place in the Netherlands and Belgium. VDL Bus & Coach places high value on quality, safety, durability, comfort, low maintenance costs, low fuel consumption and the environment. Sales of VDL Bus & Coach products take place through a worldwide network consisting of corporate-owned sales offices, importers and agents in more than



30 countries. This makes it possible to offer custom-made transport solutions. For after-sales and maintenance, the client can count on rapid, hassle-free assistance from VDL Bus & Coach employees in any of the many service locations. An extensive distribution network ensures that spare parts and accessories are delivered to the requested destination as quickly as possible. VDL Bus & Coach is one of the largest bus producers in Europe.

VDL Groep

VDL Bus & Coach is part of the VDL Groep. VDL Groep, with its head office in Eindhoven, is an international company focused on the development, production and sales of semi-manufactured products, buses & coaches and finished products. In total, the group, with more than 7,100 employees, consists of 79 subsidiaries spread over 16 countries. The strength of the VDL lies in the mutual co-operation between the companies.

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