

HESS receives electric bus order from Winterthur

The Swiss bus constructor HESS wins the international tender and framework agreement to supply a fleet of electric buses to Stadtbus Winterthur (Switzerland).

The mandate is for the supply of up to 70 “lighTram®” vehicles. The 24.7 m long buses from HESS are already in operation in Geneva, Lausanne, Berne, Lucerne, Zurich and St. Gallen and will now be deployed in Winterthur. Lines 5 and 7 in Winterthur are switching from diesel buses to electric buses. The tender has a total value of around CHF 110 million.

With their attractive design, spacious standing areas and ergonomic driver’s area, HESS vehicles bring a new dimension to tyre-based passenger transport. The innovative energy management gives the vehicles a lighter construction. As a result, they can transport more passengers than normal electric buses. They also consume less energy than comparable vehicles. During their journeys, the vehicles are charged via the “dynamic charging” principle on specific sections of the line.

HESS started in 1940 by constructing the first electrically driven buses and is today one of the world’s leading electric bus companies. Today, hundreds of thousands of passengers are transported in HESS electric buses every day.

Comment: [Click here](#) to see the corresponding press release from Stadtbus Winterthur. The bid was accepted subject to a 10-day objection period.

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Image caption: visualisation of a double-articulated trolley bus from Stadtbus Winterthur
Source: Stadtbus Winterthur

HESS:

Over 500 motivated and highly-trained employees in the **HESS Group**, thousands of vehicles in operation on five continents and in every kind of operating environment: the name HESS has become synonymous around the world with a passion for vehicle construction, efficient and reliable mobility, development and progress, and innovation and creativity.

The entire HESS range

- Bus construction
- Commercial vehicle construction
- Repairs & service for buses, commercial vehicles and cars
- Spare parts

HESS has stood for a **passion** for vehicle construction since 1882, when Heinrich Hess founded his wheelwright's and blacksmith's shop just outside Solothurn. Together with its international licensees in countries such as the USA, Australia, Portugal, Israel and Romania, HESS manufactures around 2,500 buses per year. Our head office in Bellach employs around 340 personnel working in some 20 professions as well as 30 apprentices. In 2008, HESS received the Solothurn Business Award in recognition of its sustainable entrepreneurship. In 2008, 2015 and 2018, HESS was awarded the "Golden Watt" prize from the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (BFE) for its energy-efficient mobility.

HESS has established itself as a pioneer in bus construction when it comes to **design, quality** and **reliability**. The environmentally friendly HESS buses improve the quality of life in cities and agglomerations, which is why public transport companies in Switzerland, Europe and overseas have been relying on the bus solutions from Bellach for many years. The **CO-BOLT® modular system** has been developed over the decades and is used to build means of transport that are precisely tailored to their area of use.

The electric buses in the "**lighTram®**" family are available with a total length of between 10.7 m and 24.7 m and are testament to the leading technical role played by HESS in this area.

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