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Electric bus solutions for the global market: MAN drives forward sustainable mobility

To date, customers in Europe have ordered a total of more than 1,000 all-electric MAN Lion's City E buses. Now MAN Truck & Bus is taking another important step in terms of sustainable mobility and will be offering an eBus chassis for the global market in the future. The aim is to make transport in cities around the globe even cleaner, quieter, and safer.

- Already more than 1,000 all-electric MAN Lion's City E vehicles ordered in Europe since sales launch
- New eBus chassis and thus the basis for the MAN electric bus for international markets presented
- Important step on the way from low emission to no emission, eBus chassis based on proven technologies from the Lion's City E
- First prototypes to be delivered as early as 2023, series production to start in 2024

E-mobility is rapidly gaining momentum internationally. In Europe, MAN Truck & Bus has signed contracts with customers for the delivery of more than 1,000 electric buses since the Lion's City E went on sale. According to analysts, demand for electric buses will continue to grow in the future. By 2040, sales of zero-emission buses are expected to rise to more than 80 percent of the global market. "To meet this demand, we are now offering the MAN electric bus solution for international markets outside Europe with our eBus chassis," says Rudi Kuchta, Head of Business Unit Bus at MAN Truck & Bus, adding, "With the chassis, we are giving bodybuilders from all over the world the perfect basis for their fully electric models."

For the development and market launch of the eBus chassis, MAN is relying on the expertise that has already been built up with the Lion's City E. "In addition, we are working intensively with our global network of bodybuilders

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and transport solution providers, with an annual revenue of just under 11 billion euros (2021). The company's product portfolio includes vans, trucks, buses/coaches and diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of TRATON GROUP and employs more than 34,000 people worldwide.

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so that we can also serve markets in Asia, Africa, South America, Australia and New Zealand in the best possible way," says Kuchta. The first prototypes of the MAN eBus chassis will be delivered as early as 2023. Series production is scheduled to start in 2024 at MAN's Polish plant in Starachowice. MAN will initially offer the eBus chassis as a two-axle vehicle. "In order to be usable everywhere, it will be available as a left- and right-hand drive variant," says Barbaros Oktay, Head of Bus Engineering at MAN Truck & Bus. For the components for the eBus chassis, MAN is relying on technology from the Lion's City E - and thus on technology that has already proven itself in service.

NewMAN strategy: eBus chassis as an important step into the future

The introduction of the eBus chassis is another consistent step for MAN in terms of its NewMAN strategy - and thus toward the future. The aim is to play a key role in shaping the mobility of tomorrow. "We are clearly focusing on CO₂-free driving, a core element of our strategy," says Rudi Kuchta, adding, "Our path leads from low emission to no emission. To achieve this, we are relying entirely on electric mobility in the city bus segment with the Lion's City E." The new eBus chassis is now set to make a significant contribution to sustainable mobility outside Europe as well.