

Transdev Canada invests €3 million in electric school buses and accelerates its energy transition

Issy-Les-Moulineaux (France) – June 16, 2020 – [Transdev Canada](#), present in Québec and Ontario, has decided - as part of its energy transition strategy - to invest nearly €3 million in a fleet of 27 electric school buses. These new buses will be put into service at the start of the school year in September 2020.

These 27 school buses, developed by the Québec company [Lion](#), will enable Transdev Canada to reduce its emissions by 99%, compared to diesel buses, in its school transport networks operating in Québec, in the Estrie and Montérégie regions. Transdev Canada has maintained a technical and commercial partnership with Lion since 2016.

Thanks to this investment, Transdev Canada is, to date, the largest private operator of electric school buses in North America, increasing its fleet to 31 operational electric buses by the end of 2020.

Transdev has chosen to develop a specific energy transition in Canada because of its dynamic local ecosystem and the fact that the energy produced locally is mainly hydroelectric and therefore among the cleanest in the world. In Canada, Transdev's ambition is to electrify 100% of its fleet of school buses in Québec by 2025.

This Québec investment benefits from the “Programme de soutien au déploiement des autobus scolaires électriques au Québec”, which is part of the Québec government's 2015-2020 Transportation Electrification Action Plan.

"Transdev has long been committed to the energy transition of its vehicle fleet in order to deploy its sustainable mobility solutions throughout the world, in line with its commitment to the European Green Deal and to clean, carbon-free mobility. Battery-powered electric buses are a first step in this transition, while hydrogen and fuel cell-based solutions could eventually become increasingly important. Our ambition is to have a fleet of 100% low-emission vehicles by 2030," explains Thierry Mallet, Chairman and CEO of Transdev Group.

At the end of 2019, Transdev already operated more than 800 electric buses¹ worldwide and expects to have a fleet (operated and on order) of 1,200 electric buses (batteries and hydrogen fuel cells) by the end of the year.

In Europe, Transdev is already the leading operator of battery-powered electric buses with its bus networks in the Netherlands in Amsterdam - Schiphol, Eindhoven, Sweden in Göteborg, and in many networks in France (Greater Paris region, Valence, Southern region...). In addition, beyond battery-powered buses, Transdev is one of the pioneers of hydrogen and fuel cell electric buses, with experimental networks in the Netherlands. Transdev Netherlands (Connexion) will go into commercial operation at the end of 2021 in South Holland with 20 Solaris Urbino 12 hydrogen fuel cell electric buses. In France, Transdev has been operating in commercial service since November 2019 the country's first electric BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) line, comprising six hydrogen buses, in the Hauts-de-France region (TADAO network, Artois-Gohelle).

¹ 829 electric buses operated at end of December 2019.

With this investment in Canada, Transdev is further strengthening its leadership position in electric buses.

In April 2019, Transdev announced the acquisition of the Voyago Group. With this acquisition, Transdev Canada now has 2,600 employees serving 36 million trips per year in Québec and Ontario, for a 2019 turnover of €125 million.

About Transdev:

As an operator and global integrator of mobility, Transdev – The mobility company – gives people the freedom to move whenever and however they choose. We are proud to provide 11 million passenger trips everyday thanks to efficient, easy to use and environmentally-friendly transportation services that connect people and communities. Our approach is rooted in long-term partnerships with businesses and public authorities, and in the relentless pursuit of the safest and most innovative mobility solutions. We are a team of people serving people, and mobility is what we do. Transdev is jointly held by Caisse des Dépôts Group (66%) and the RETHMANN Group (34%). In 2019, with 85,000 employees in 18 countries, the Group generated total revenues of €7.4 billion. For more information: www.transdev.com

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