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Scania to deliver Bus Rapid Transit system to Ghana

Scania has signed an agreement with Ghana's Ministry for Transport to supply buses and equipment for the Bus Rapid Transit System under implementation in Accra. Scania will supply 300 buses and ancillary equipment and services such as ticketing machines, workshop services, operational support and infrastructure.

Accra, the capital and largest city in Ghana, is facing a severe traffic situation that needs to be addressed by the use of high capacity buses. The BRT solution provides an answer to the problem at a reasonable cost compared to other alternatives. The use of BRT solutions is rapidly spreading over the whole African continent, with many cities facing the same challenges as Accra.

"The delivery to Accra marks a major step in increasing Scania's presence in West Africa and will also serve as an important reference project for other cities in the region," says Fredrik Morsing, Regional Director for Scania in West Africa.

The Minister for Transport, Hon. Mrs. Dzifa A. Attivor, states that "the government is committed to addressing the transportation bottlenecks in our cities and the BRT is a major transport policy being pursued by the Ministry."

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) systems typically combine dedicated lanes, off-board fare collection, station platforms level with the bus floor and bus priority at intersections to achieve the speed of light rail or metro systems with the lower cost and simplicity of buses.

Scania has extensive experience in delivering BRT turn-key solutions, with more than 3.500 buses in operation on five continents.

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Scania is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks and buses for heavy transport applications, and of industrial and marine engines. Service-related products account for a growing proportion of the company's operations, assuring Scania customers of cost-effective transport solutions and maximum uptime. Scania also offers financial services. Employing some 41,000 people, the company operates in about 100 countries. Research and development activities are concentrated in Sweden, while production takes place in Europe and South America, with facilities for global interchange of both components and complete vehicles. In 2013, net sales totalled SEK 86.8 billion and net income amounted to SEK 6.2 billion. Scania press releases are available on www.scania.com.

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