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Major order for Scania city buses from New Zealand

NZ Bus, New Zealand's largest city bus operator, has ordered 150 buses of Scania's latest city bus for delivery during 2007-2009. Scania was chosen as supplier because of the environmental technology (Euro 4 and 5 with EGR) and an integrated 3-axle chassis design with high passenger capacity. The deal makes Scania a major supplier in the NZ city bus segment.

"Passenger capacity, operating economy and emission technology tipped the scales in favour of Scania," says Henrik Henriksson, Vice President Scania Buses and Coaches.

NZ Bus, which operates a fleet of more than 1000 vehicles, typically needs to renew the fleet with some 50 new buses per year and Scania is thus the chosen supplier for the next three years. The Scania components and systems will be supplied by Scania in Sweden for subsequent bodybuilding by DesignLine, the major city bus supplier in New Zealand.

Scania has been represented in New Zealand since the 1970s. Starting in 2000, the distributor CablePrice Ltd sells some 20 tourist coaches per year. This order makes Scania and CablePrice also a major supplier of city buses.

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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. A growing proportion of the company's operations consists of products and services in the financial and service sectors, assuring Scania customers of cost-effective transport solutions and maximum uptime. Employing 32,800 people, Scania 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 2006, invoiced sales totalled SEK 70.7 billion and the net income amounted to SEK 5.9 billion. Bus production takes place in Sweden, Brazil and Mexico. Bodybuilding takes place in Poland and Russia.

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