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Strategic partnership: Daimler Buses and battery systems expert BMZ Poland drive forward zero-emission bus transport in Europe

- BMZ will further develop existing battery technology specifically for the requirements of e-buses
- Next battery generation NMC4 will combine high energy density with ultra-long cycle life
- Daimler Buses' customers will benefit from NMC4 batteries from mid-decade

Leinfelden-Echterdingen / Gliwice, Poland – Daimler Buses and battery systems expert BMZ Poland, a key entity in the BMZ Holding group, have entered into a strategic partnership for the development and supply of the next generation of e-bus batteries. Together with Daimler Buses, BMZ will further develop the existing battery technology specifically for the requirements of electrically powered buses. The new battery generation NMC4 – succeeding the current NMC3 technology – will combine high energy density, resulting in a longer range for e-buses, with an ultra-long cycle life. Customers of Daimler Buses will benefit from NMC4 batteries from the middle of the decade.

Michael Klein, Chief Operating Officer Daimler Buses: “The collaboration between our companies combines two important aspects: Daimler Buses’ expertise in bus development and manufacturing as well as BMZ’s know-how in heavy-duty lithium-ion battery solutions. I am excited to see the development of an outstanding new generation of batteries for our electrically powered buses. This collaboration marks an important milestone in the shift towards zero-emission public transport across Europe.”



From left to right: Michael Klein, Chief Operating Officer Daimler Buses, Till Oberwörder, CEO Daimler Buses, Sven Bauer, CEO BMZ Holding, and Tomasz Jankowski, General Manager BMZ Poland.

Tomasz Jankowski, General Manager of BMZ Poland: “Development and production of the best-in-class e-bus systems has been our strategy for a decade. We are proud to be able to work with Daimler Buses. I personally treat this nomination as an award for the consistent strategy of growth and investment into the electric bus market. Now, together with Daimler Buses, we will be able to implement this strategy on a much larger scale.”

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“We will extend our production in Gliwice, making this facility the first of its kind in the EU built for the purpose of bus battery production along with a fully automatic assembling line”, adds Paweł Kępski, Head of Business Unit EV, BMZ Poland

The e-roadmap of Daimler Buses

Daimler Buses is consistently pursuing a clear e-roadmap across all segments: Electrically powered city buses have already been in series production since 2018; intercity e-buses are to follow as of the middle of the decade and electrified coaches by 2030. With this, Daimler Buses aims to offer locally CO₂-neutral models based on batteries or hydrogen in every segment by 2030. The focus is initially on the core markets of Europe and Latin America. The plans are for only locally CO₂-neutral new vehicles to be sold in the core market of Europe by 2039. In the city bus segment, this is expected to be the case in Europe as early as 2030.

About Daimler Buses

As one of the world’s leading bus manufacturers with numerous national companies, the Daimler Truck segment Daimler Buses is responsible for the global activities of the bus and service brands Mercedes-Benz, Setra, OMNIplus and BusStore. The product range of Daimler Buses extends from coaches, intercity buses, city buses and special-purpose buses to bus chassis. In addition to the production and sales of new buses, Daimler Buses has a global service network and offers comprehensive services for all aspects of the vehicles, right through to trading in used buses.

Daimler Buses locations include Daimler Buses GmbH with numerous subsidiaries in Europe, Daimler Buses Latin America in Brazil, Daimler Buses Mexico, Daimler Coaches North America and the bus business of Mercedes-Benz Türk A.Ş in Türkiye.

About The BMZ Group

The BMZ Group is a global player in the development and production of cross-industry lithium-ion and sodium-ion system solutions. The company offers the entire value chain from the cell to battery, second life and recycling. In addition to supplying the medical, power and garden tool markets, BMZ Group prides itself as being THE GREEN ENERGY SYSTEM PROVIDER. With the manufacture of home and industrial storage pv systems, as well as batteries for electromobility, BMZ produces the essential infrastructure required for the energy and transport revolution. With a view to climate change and its consequences, this is how BMZ Group meets its social, economic, and ecological responsibilities. The company’s headquarters are located in Germany, with additional production facilities in China, Poland, USA, North Macedonia and Brazil as well as branches in Japan, Hong Kong, UK, and France.

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This document contains forward-looking statements that reflect our current views about future events. The words “aim”, “ambition”, “anticipate”, “assume”, “believe”, “estimate”, “expect”, “intend”, “may”, “can”, “could”, “plan”, “project”, “should” and similar expressions are used to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to many risks and uncertainties, including an adverse development of global economic conditions, in particular a decline of demand in our most important markets; a deterioration of our refinancing possibilities on the credit and financial markets; events of force majeure including natural disasters, pandemics, acts of terrorism, political unrest, armed conflicts, industrial accidents and their effects on our sales, purchasing, production or financial services activities; changes in currency exchange rates, customs and foreign trade provisions; a shift in consumer preferences; a possible lack of acceptance of our products or services which limits our ability to achieve prices and adequately utilize our production capacities; price increases for fuel or raw materials; disruption of production due to shortages of materials, labor strikes or supplier insolvencies; a decline in resale prices of used vehicles; the effective implementation of cost-reduction and efficiency-optimization measures; the business outlook for companies in which we hold a significant equity interest; the successful implementation of strategic cooperations and joint ventures; changes in laws, regulations and government policies, particularly those relating to vehicle emissions, fuel economy and safety; the resolution of pending government investigations or of investigations requested by governments and the conclusion of pending or threatened future legal proceedings; and other risks and uncertainties, some of which are described under the heading “Risk and Opportunity Report” in the current Annual Report. If any of these risks and uncertainties materializes, or if the assumptions underlying any of our forward-looking statements prove to be incorrect, the actual results may be materially different from those we express or imply by such statements. We do not intend or assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements since they are based solely on the circumstances at the date of publication.

Daimler Truck at a glance

Daimler Truck Holding AG (“Daimler Truck”) is one of the world’s largest commercial vehicle manufacturers, with over 40 main locations and more than 100,000 employees around the globe. The founders of Daimler Truck invented the modern transportation industry with their trucks and buses a good 125 years ago. Unchanged to this day, the company’s aspirations are dedicated to one purpose: Daimler Truck works for all who keep the world moving. Its customers enable people to be mobile and get goods to their destinations reliably, on time, and safely. Daimler Truck provides the technologies, products, and services for them to do so. This also applies to the transformation to CO₂-neutral driving. The company is striving to make sustainable transport a success, with profound technological knowledge and a clear view of its customers’ needs. Daimler Truck’s business activities are structured in five reporting segments: Trucks North America (TN) with the truck brands Freightliner and Western Star and the school bus brand Thomas Built Buses. Trucks Asia (TA) with the FUSO, BharatBenz and RIZON commercial vehicle brands. Mercedes-Benz (MB) with the truck brand of the same name. Daimler Buses (DB) with the Mercedes-Benz and Setra bus brands. Daimler Truck’s Financial Services business (DTFS) constitutes the fifth segment, the product range in the truck segments includes light, medium and heavy trucks for long-distance, distribution and construction traffic and special-purpose vehicles used in the municipal and vocational sector. The product range of the bus segment includes city buses, school buses and intercity buses, coaches and bus chassis. In addition to the sale of new and used commercial vehicles, the company also offers aftersales services and connectivity solutions.