

Press Release

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Orders from the Czech Republic: Knorr-Bremse supplies brake equipment for Škoda Transportation trains

Munich, September 2, 2021 – Knorr-Bremse, the global market leader for braking systems and a leading supplier of other rail and commercial vehicle systems, has once again contracted with the Czech Republic’s largest vehicle manufacturer Škoda Transportation a.s. to supply original equipment for light rail vehicles and commuter trains. The total value of the orders is in the high single-digit million-euro range. The vehicles will be used primarily in the Czech Republic.

“The thriving partnership between Knorr-Bremse and Škoda Transportation was put under pressure by Covid-related travel restrictions. That’s why we’re so pleased to be able to supply our most important Czech customer with our reliable, highly durable braking systems once again,” says Dr. Peter Radina, Member of the Management Board of Knorr-Bremse Systeme für Schienenfahrzeuge GmbH and responsible for Knorr-Bremse’s business in Austria.

Light rail vehicles and electric commuter trains

Five new low-floor light rail vehicles (LRVs) destined for the Czech city of Brno will be fitted with a Knorr-Bremse hydraulic braking system; the contract includes an option for equipping another 35 LRVs. Knorr-Bremse has also been commissioned to equip 19 two-car electric commuter trains, each with a seating capacity of 160, and 29 three-car electric commuter trains, each with a seating capacity of 240. Again, the contract includes an option for equipping another 31 trains in the same class. Knorr-Bremse is providing the air supply units, pneumatic braking systems – including magnetic track brakes developed and manufactured in Mödling – and sanding systems (also produced in Mödling).

All projects are managed on the basis of highly standardized platform agreements. “For us and our customer, this has the advantage of reducing the amount of engineering effort required on both sides, as well as shortening delivery times. The proven, streamlined project management approach we’ve established with Škoda Transportation has, once again, proved its worth. And we’re hoping to win new orders for the growing market in Central and Eastern Europe,” explains Manfred Reisner, Managing Director of Knorr-Bremse GmbH in Mödling, Austria, as he looks forward to the future with optimism.

Caption 1: Once again, Knorr-Bremse has been commissioned by the Czech Republic’s largest vehicle manufacturer, Škoda Transportation a.s., to supply original equipment for light rail vehicles and local mass-transit trains. | © Škoda Transportation a.s.

Knorr-Bremse (ISIN: DE000KBX1006, ticker symbol: KBX) is the global market leader for braking systems and a leading supplier of other rail and commercial vehicle systems. Knorr-Bremse’s products make a decisive contribution to greater safety and energy efficiency on rail tracks and roads around the world. About 29,500 employees at over 100 sites in more than 30 countries use their competence and motivation to satisfy customers worldwide with products and services. In 2020, Knorr-Bremse’s two divisions together generated revenues of EUR 6.2 billion (IFRS). For over 115 years, the company has been the industry innovator, driving innovation in mobility and transportation technologies with an edge in connected system solutions. Knorr-Bremse is one of Germany’s most successful industrial companies and profits from the key global megatrends: urbanization, sustainability, digitization and mobility.

Based in Mödling, Austria, **Knorr-Bremse GmbH** is part of the Knorr-Bremse Group. The company is responsible for developing and manufacturing key braking system components for rail vehicles, including track brakes and sanding systems. Wiper systems for the global rail market are also

produced in Mödling. The company's Merak business unit develops rail vehicle HVAC systems, while entrance systems for rail vehicles are developed at the company's Kematen/Ybbs site under the IFE brand name. As a service partner to all rail customers, Knorr-Bremse RailServices offers innovative, competitive solutions that cover entire product life cycles. Another subsidiary, Dr. techn. Josef Zelisko GmbH, also based in Mödling, specializes in energy and mobility management technology, including rail signaling systems. Together, the company's subsidiaries and business units employ more than 1,000 people in two Lower Austrian sites in Mödling and Kematen/Ybbs.

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