



## INDCAR LANDS IN NORWAY

**I**ndcar delivered last May the first six Mobi City buses in Norway as a result of various public tenders won by the Iberian coach builder. All these units were sold through Vest Buss, Iveco-Indcar dealer in the Nordic countries. The vehicles were built on Iveco 70C17 chassis and have a capacity of 26 seats plus space for a wheelchair. They offer easy access through a ramp at the back door. The on-board equipment includes a stop button in each double seat, digital radio with MP3 and external speaker. The driver enjoy a

very ergonomic space, including a pneumatic driver seat, FMS interface and reversing camera. ●

## MANY CROSSWAYS FOR AUSTRIA

**I**veco Bus announced the signature of a new framework agreement with ÖBB Postbus for the supply of Crossway and Crossway LE buses, with deliveries beginning at the end of 2016. This order, with a three-year extension, comes on the back of a previous framework agreement that has now been completed. With the new agreement, ÖBB Postbus will add more than 200 Crossways and Crossways LE to the Iveco Bus vehicles already in operation. The Crossway has already seen more than 27,000 units roll off the production line since its launch in 2006, continuing to win the affection of European transport groups and bus companies. ÖBB Postbus is the largest bus company in Austria and operates 900 lines with around 40,000 bus stops across the country. ●



## EXTRA LONG BUSES FOR SWEDEN

**T**he Swedish transport company Söne Buss took delivery of ten VDL Futura FMD2-148 coaches. This 14.8-metre length variant was produced especially for Söne Buss to meet the specific requirements of the Swedish customer. The vehicles have a capacity for 57+1+1 seats. They are fitted with a wheelchair lift at the middle

entrance and a winter package that includes extras such as additional heating at the doors due to the cold climate. The Futuras will be used for public transport service in Karlskoga, in the middle of Sweden. Founded in 1927, Söne Buss AB is one of the largest family owned Swedish bus companies. With a fleet of 200 buses and coaches, the company provides local, regional and long-distance services mainly in southern Sweden. ●

## THE FIRST OPTARE BUS FOR TRANSDEV IN UK

**A**T the end of June, entered into service across Yorkshire and Lancashire, UK, the first Optare buses acquired by Transdev through a £4 million order of new vehicles. All the buses are manufactured in Yorkshire by the Optare's specialists. The first delivery includes 28 single deck Versa and Solo buses. The vehicles are fitted with superfast free WIFI, next stop announcements, USB power points at every seat, new comfortable seats with leather headrests, and the pioneering use of 'countdown' destination displays, letting people know exactly when the bus will depart. ●



## MERCEDES-BENZ MINIBUS

**M**ercedes-Benz MiniBus GmbH is modernising and expanding its production and logistics facilities at the plant in Dortmund, Germany. Some 900,000 euros have been invested for this purpose in five new cutting, grinding and welding cabins as well as in expansion of the logistics area for dismantling

operations. Alongside the expansion of production, there was a special focus on modernising the production facilities and optimising the processes. The new measures will make it possible to reduce the production time for each bodyshell by 15 percent. The five new bodyshell production cabins have been in operation since mid-April. With a volume of 250 cubic metres, each of the 50 m2 cabins provides sufficient space for the bodyshell operations on the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter, the base vehicle for the minibus range. ●

## ELECTRICAL IRIZAR IN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

**T**wo 100% electric buses joined the fleet of Dbus company based in San Sebastian, a city located in the Basque Autonomous Community. The two vehicles are produced by Irizar and are in addition to the one which has been operating since July 2014. The new buses are 12-metre long, 100% electric, zero emissions Irizar i2e model. They have a range of over 200 kilometres and are fitted with sodium-nickel batteries that provide power to the electric motor, resulting in a nominal torque of 1,500 Nm and 180 kW of power. The vehicle regenerates braking energy as electricity, increasing battery life. In addition to having all the comfort, accessibility and safety elements demanded by Dbus, the buses are fitted with USB ports, a new feature enabling electronic devices to be charged free of charge while travelling. Irizar has installed a smart charging station for the buses, developed by JEMA (an Irizar Group company), which automatically manages the night-time charging process in an optimal manner. ●

