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New Stadler plant in Salt Lake City, USA – a ground breaking ceremony with VIP guests to celebrate

Stadler is building a new plant in Salt Lake City. The total amount of the investment stands at around 50 million US dollars. The plant's ground breaking ceremony was celebrated on October 13 by Peter Spuhler, Group CEO and owner of Stadler, and Martin Ritter, CEO of Stadler US, along with Senator Orrin Hatch, Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski and other guests from the worlds of politics and business. After renting a service plant from the Utah Transit Authority in 2016 to build its TEXRail trains, Stadler has confirmed its commitment to the area by beginning construction of its very own Utah plant, which will be used to assemble efficient, lightweight multiple unit trains for the American market.

In June 2015, Stadler received an order from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority for eight new FLIRT trains. The fact that federal funds were being used for the order made it subject to the Buy America Act, and for the first time Stadler was required to find a location in the USA where the TEXRail trains could be built. The infrastructure of the former Union Pacific plant in Salt Lake City was well suited to the requirements of the TEXRail order. The TEXRail FLIRT is the first FLIRT to be built in the USA. The public got its first glimpse of the train on October 9 at the APTA Expo in Atlanta, Georgia.

When Stadler received a major contract from Caltrain for the construction of 16 bi-level trains in August 2016, the company quickly realized it would need a larger production space. The decision to stay in Utah was based on the state's outstanding economic conditions and its political environment which ensured widespread support from the Governor's Office and other authorities in Salt Lake City and Clearfield, as well as in Davis and Salt Lake Counties. The decision was also swayed by Utah's dedication to public transport, the state's proximity to existing customers on the West Coast, and a workforce of enthusiastic and well-trained workers, who after nine months were already 115 strong.

The ground breaking ceremony for the new Stadler plant was attended by Senator Orrin Hatch, Governor Gary Herbert and Jackie Biskupski, Mayor of Salt Lake City.

Orrin Hatch commented on Stadler's new site as follows: "I'm pleased to see yet another company decide to open their headquarters in Utah. With such an educated, determined, and patriotic workforce, Utah is a perfect place for Stadler US to call home. Transportation and logistics are integral to business operations

across the country, and I'm thrilled that Utah will now play an even greater role in contributing to our growing economy."

The new plant lies right off of I-80, five minutes from the international airport and just ten minutes from downtown Salt Lake City. It has its own side track on the main Denver-San Francisco line. The plant has been designed to accommodate around 350 workstations, but can be upgraded on a modular basis at any time. Its 62-acre property boasts 75,000 ft² of production space for the bogie, main, pre- and final assembly of single- and bi-level trains. In addition to storage and handling areas, test tracks will be set up for the commissioning of the trains. Office spaces and an employee cafeteria are also located on the site.

Peter Spuhler noted: "It makes me proud that we were able to lay the cornerstone for our new American plant in Salt Lake City today. Our choice of location was made easier by the region's excellent economic and political conditions, as well as the support we have received from the various authorities. We can now be confident in our ability to supply the US train market with the most cutting-edge rail vehicle technology."

Stadler in the USA

The TEXRail FLIRT trains that are built in Salt Lake City will become part of an entire fleet of rail vehicles in the United States: Stadler's latest US contract involves an order for 16 six-car, electrical, bi-level multiple units for the California construction company Caltrain. The contract includes an option for another 96 double-decker multiple units, and is valued at a total of 551 million US dollars. These new, high-performance, double-decker multiple units have been built to seat a maximum number of passengers, and will run between San Francisco and San Jose in Silicon Valley. The first Stadler bi-level train will be delivered to the USA in August 2019 and put into commercial use in 2020 after having passed all the necessary tests.

In 2002, Stadler secured its first order for 20 articulated multiple units (GTW) for the New Jersey Transit River Line. It then received an order from the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CMTA) from Austin, Texas for 6 diesel articulated multiple units to run between downtown Austin and Leander, Texas. These trains were delivered in the spring of 2008, and an additional order was placed in 2015 for 4 more trains. Stadler also obtained an order from the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) to design and manufacture 11 GTW diesel multiple units. These low-floor trains have been serving 6 stations in the Denton County region in Texas since 2012. In April 2014, San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) commissioned Stadler to supply them with 8 diesel articulated multiple units to service the connection between the Pittsburgh/Bay Point terminus and Antioch, which will be operational in 2017.

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About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for 75 years. The system provider of rail vehicle construction solutions is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland, and has a workforce of around 7000 based in various locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Belarus, Algeria, Australia and the United States. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the commuter rail and railway segments: high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. In addition, Stadler manufactures main-line dual-mode locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

More Stadler figures: the best-selling FLIRT (Fast Light Innovative Regional Train) vehicle has already sold over 1400 units in a total of 17 countries. The KISS vehicle (the name is an acronym of the German for Comfortable Innovative Speedy Suburban Train) is also very popular: it has sold 258 units in 9 countries. The most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe, the EURO4000, has sold 130 units in 7 countries. Additionally, Stadler Service maintains vehicle fleets in 16 countries made up of over 680 vehicles that cover a combined annual distance of more than 120 million kilometres.

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