

IVECO BUS signs a major contract for 250 buses in the Ivory Coast

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The government of the Ivory Coast and the Abidjan Transport Company SOTRA have renewed their trust in IVECO BUS, ordering 200 Crossway LE and 50 Crealis Natural Power (NP) 18-metre vehicles.

There will now be more than 700 IVECO BUS city buses running in Abidjan, following a first significant order in January 2018 of 400 Crossway Low Entry and 50 Crealis buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG).

The latest deal was signed at the Ivory Coast Embassy in Paris in the presence of Amadou Kone, Ivory Coast Minister of Transport, Meité Bouaké, Director of SOTRA, and Sylvain Blaise, Head of Global Product Line Bus.

The 200 Crossway LE and the 50 Crealis NP 18-metre buses will play a significant role in expanding the public transport network in the Ivory Coast's capital city. The order confirms the strong commitment of the Ivorian government and SOTRA to operate low environmental impact vehicles and implement high quality public transport.

Designed for mass traffic routes, the 50 Crealis NP 18-metre will operate across the entire Abidjan metropolitan area, providing an improved service and comfort to passengers in a modern and welcoming interior. The Crossway LE will help enhance the existing fleet.

IVECO BUS is a pioneer and leader in gas vehicle solutions. The CNG vehicles offer major benefits in terms of pollution and noise reduction. Fine particle emissions are reduced to nearly zero and nitrogen oxide emissions by more than one third, while the buses are also significantly quieter than those that run on diesel.

Sylvain Blaise, Head of Global Bus Division, says: *"We are particularly pleased of SOTRA's renewed trust, confirming IVECO BUS as a key enabler with its products and service solutions, to modernise and expand the Abidjan public transport in a sustainable way."*

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IVECO BUS is a brand of CNH Industrial N.V., a global leader in capital goods listed on the New York Stock Exchange and on the Borsa Italiana in Milan.

A major player in the field of public transport, and among the leading bus and coach manufacturers in Europe, IVECO BUS designs, manufactures and markets a broad range of vehicles that meets all the needs of public and private operators:

- school, intercity and tourism coaches (Crossway and Magelys)

- standard and articulated city buses, including BRT dedicated versions, with a strong leadership in clean technologies such as CNG and Hybrids (Urbanway and Crealis)
- minibuses for all passenger transport missions (Daily)
- different chassis for bodybuilders.

IVECO BUS employs over 5,000 people across two production units, in Annonay, France and in Vysoké Myto, Czech Republic. Both factories were awarded the bronze medal in 2013 following their WCM (World Class Manufacturing) audits, an international methodology for managing manufacturing processes according to best standards worldwide.

The extensive IVECO BUS and IVECO service network guarantees assistance around the world wherever an Iveco Bus vehicle is at work.

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