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WHEELY-SAFE SECURES MAJOR NEW DEAL WITH TRANSLINK

Translink has signed a contract to protect its entire 1,400-strong bus and coach fleet with the latest generation Wheely-Safe technology. The deal was secured following a successful trial that highlighted the unique safety benefits of the system.

Northern Ireland's biggest public transport provider will now roll out the full suite of Wheely-Safe's intelligent tyre pressure monitoring systems (TPMS), wheel loss and brake temperature sensing systems over the course of the next 12 months.

David Barnett, General Manager – Engineering, Translink, says: "The introduction of the Wheely-Safe technology across the entirety of our fleet is an important element of our programme to further improve the safety of our operation.

"We transport thousands of customers across Northern Ireland every day and safety is our top priority. This system will alert our drivers to a drop in tyre pressure, brake or hub overheating or a wheel nut loosening by as little as 1mm."

Translink tested the system on two buses in its Coleraine depot, with the Wheely-Safe technology alerting the driver to a puncture in one of the wheels during the trial. "We had heard good things about the product previously and the trial just backed that up," adds Barnett.

Steve Jackson, Managing Director, Wheely-Safe, says: "Our technology is the only system in the world which can detect the onset of wheel loss before detachment on a moving vehicle – plus our intelligent TPMS can help reduce fuel and tyre bills.

“It’s already proved hugely popular with coach and bus operators, and we are thrilled to now be protecting Translink and its customers across Northern Ireland. This is a significant contract and further validation of the value our system can bring to our business partners.”

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Notes to editor:

Wheely-Safe Ltd is a technology start-up founded in 2010 by two lifelong friends – Gary Thomas, a Director of his own transport compliance consultancy, and Gary Broadfield, a Director of Technology and serial inventor for a large Japanese electronics manufacturer. Together they brought the marriage of skills required to help solve wheel loss issues in the automotive sector, and to tackle the huge number of vehicles driving every day on under-inflated tyres. The early years of Wheely-Safe concentrated on attaining worldwide patent protection and technology small enough to fit near the wheels of all vehicle types, from cars and vans to trucks and trailers – with its first products launched into the market during 2018. www.wheely-safe.com

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