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NedRailways becomes Abellio

NedRailways today announced the launch of its new name, Abellio. The decision follows the company's expansion from an owning group with two UK rail franchises into a European public transport company.

Set up as a subsidiary of Netherlands Railways in 2001 for the purpose of acquiring and operating transport services outside the Netherlands, Abellio now has major rail and bus interests in the UK and Germany, as well as bus operations in the Czech Republic.

Commenting on the rebranding decision, Chief Executive Anton Valk said,

"The expansion of NedRailways from the UK to Germany and the Czech Republic and from rail into bus marks the start of a new era for our business. The first manifestation of that new era is a new name: **Abellio**

The name has been lifted from our German company and allows us to develop our business and build on the existing strengths in our portfolio in a cost effective and efficient manner.

In time, all our operating companies will either carry the new brand or be endorsed by it. This process started in the UK in 2009 with our bus operations Abellio London and Abellio Surrey."

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Notes to the editor

For further information and the new logo please go to www.abellio.com

Abellio is a wholly owned subsidiary of Netherlands Railways aimed at acquiring and operating multimodal passenger transport franchises outside the Netherlands. Abellio's aim is to become a major player in the European passenger transport market.

As a subsidiary of Netherlands Railways, Abellio is able to draw on decades of experience and expertise from a company which operates reliable, punctual and innovative rail and bus services in one of the highest density transport networks on the continent. This experience is shared with Abellio's operating companies through a highly structured programme which facilitates and drives the exchange of international best practice between its businesses.

Abellio currently operates rail services in the UK through Merseyrail and Northern Rail, in an equal joint venture with Serco. In 2008 Abellio also commenced bus services in the Czech Republic through the acquisition of local operator Probo Bus, and the German bus and rail market through the acquisition of Abellio Germany. In 2009 Abellio entered the UK bus market through Travel London and Travel Surrey, now operating as Abellio London and Abellio Surrey.

Key facts and figures about Abellio's businesses

Merseyrail*

Suburban rail transport in and around Liverpool

- 1,200 employees
- 110,000 passengers per day
- 177 vehicles
- 780 services per day

Northern Rail*

Regional and suburban rail across Northern England

- 4,600 employees
- 230,000 passengers per day
- 617 vehicles
- 2,600 services per day

Abellio London and Abellio Surrey

Bus operations across Central London, South London and Surrey

- 1,600 employees
- 270,000 passengers per day
- 507 buses on 71 routes

Abellio Germany

Bus and rail operations in Hessen, North Rhine Westphalia, Sachsen

- 1,200 employees
- 23,000 passengers per day (rail)
- 600 buses, 117 vehicles (rail)

Probo Bus

Urban and suburban bus operations in the Central Bohemian region west of Prague

- 200 employees
- 17,500 passengers per day
- 120 buses on 70 routes

Netherlands Railways (parent company)

Core passenger rail network regional rail and bus services

Rail:

- 28,000 employees
- 1.2m passengers per day
- 2,928 vehicles (of which 1,174 double deck)
- 5,200 services per day

Bus*:

- 1,600 employees
- 100,000 passengers per day
- 533 buses

* In partnership

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