

Mercedes-Benz to deliver 144 city buses to Germany's largest public transport firm

Press Information

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- **Delivery of Mercedes-Benz Citaro LE Low-Entry city buses to begin in October 2009**
- **Special features for use in Germany's capital**

Stuttgart - Following an EU-wide call for tenders, Daimler Buses has been awarded a contract to supply Germany's largest public transportation company, Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG), with 144 Mercedes-Benz Citaro LE city buses.

The company will begin delivering the buses to the German capital in October 2009. Deliveries will take place successively over a four-year period, with 50 buses to be delivered before the end of this year.

The Mercedes-Benz plant in Mannheim, Germany is producing the buses.

Hartmut Schick, Head of Daimler Buses: "We are delighted about this contract from the capital. For us this is yet another indication that we continue to be successful with our high-quality and eco-friendly vehicles for the city bus business despite economically challenging times."

The Citaro LE combines a comfortable low entry (LE) design with economical high-floor technology.

The Citaro LE to be used by the BVG is a 12-metre variant with two doors.

The Citaro LE's fuel-efficient low-emission engines feature pioneering Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC SCR clean-diesel emission technology and comply with the Euro 5 and EEV emissions standards.

The 144 city buses, which do not have articulation joints, come with a variety of special equipment features for use in the capital: for example, with their low

entry design, two ramps, and wider aisles, the buses are very accommodating for Page 2
handicapped passengers.

In addition, the buses are equipped with an enclosure to protect drivers from unruly behaviour and a video surveillance system to ensure the security of passengers and drivers.

With its 1,300 buses, Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe is the largest public transportation company in Germany and already has 600 Mercedes-Benz buses in its fleet. Together with other partners, the transportation company serves a metropolitan area with 3.4 million residents and an area of about 1,000 square kilometres.

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