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Stadler US becomes its own division

Stadler US (STAUS) has grown rapidly in recent years. To support and strengthen this development, the Board of Directors has decided to separate the US location from the Swiss division as of January 1, 2025, creating its own North America division. The new division will be headed by the current CEO Martin Ritter, who will become a member of the group management board.

Stadler established its US headquarters in Salt Lake City in 2016, after Trinity Metro in Texas (US) ordered eight diesel-electric FLIRT trains in 2015. The new facility saw Stadler comply with the Buy America Act, which stipulates that at least 60 percent of the value added for federally funded projects must be generated in the US. Since then, Stadler has enjoyed continuous growth there, and today, more than 500 people work for Stadler in the US. At the end of October 2024, work started to make the plant even bigger. The expanded premises will enable Stadler to manage this growth and in future, manufacture car bodies in the US.

Over the last two months, Stadler secured an order for four diesel-powered DMU FLIRT for Trinity Metro in Texas and one for up to 80 new streetcars for Salt Lake City. GTW, KISS and hydrogen-powered FLIRT are already in operation in various parts of the US, demonstrating Stadler's presence in the North American market with a wide range of products.

Strengthening the location

In order to promote this successful business development and to secure an even stronger presence in the American market, the US site will be separated from the Swiss division as of 1 January and will operate as a new US division. This decision was taken by the Board of Directors at the end of November 2024. The head of the new division will be Martin Ritter, who is already successfully managing the site today. He will become a member of the Stadler management board. The organisational changes will not result in any changes to the terms and conditions of employment US members of staff.

Chairman of the Board of Directors Peter Spuhler commented: "Stadler has enjoyed significant growth over recent years. We are now strengthening the location to underscore the importance of this market. Martin Ritter is an experienced leader with a proven track record, and he will head the new North America division. I wish him and the whole team every success".

Martin Ritter: "I am delighted to have been asked to run Stadler US as a division in its own right. The decision to make the US a separate entity demonstrates the importance of this location for the entire Stadler Group. It is down to the tremendous commitment of all the employees here in Salt Lake City, and I would like to thank everyone for their dedication. I look forward to taking on the new challenges and continuing to grow the north American market."

Caption: Martin Ritter, new Executive Vice President North America

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 14,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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