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Berner Oberland-Bahnen orders five more multiple-unit trains from Stadler

The Berner Oberland-Bahnen (BOB) has ordered five more multiple-unit trains from Stadler. By exercising this option, the BOB is continuing the expansion and renewal of its fleet. The aim is to meet the constantly growing passenger volume, increase the timetable frequency and strengthen the shift from road to rail. The new vehicles will go into operation from the end of 2027.

Following the first two instalments in 2022 and 2024, the Berner Oberland-Bahnen (BOB) is now exercising a further option and ordering five additional metre-gauge multiple units from Stadler. The high-performance vehicles will replace older trains and are a further step in the BOB's strategy to modernise its rolling stock. With the trains now ordered, the latest BOB fleet will grow to a total of 15 vehicles by mid-2028. The cost of procuring the five multiple units is around CHF 50 million. The vehicles will be built in Bussnang, Thurgau (CH).

Plenty of space for luggage

The three-part vehicles on order are characterised by an open space concept, barrier-free entrances and spacious areas in the boarding area. This allows passengers to board and alight quickly. The multiple-unit trains are also equipped with spacious multifunctional areas that offer space for luggage, skis, pushchairs and bicycles, among other things.

Shift from road to rail

The new multiple-unit trains are optimised for leisure travel. They are part of the BOB's long-term strategy to make public transport in the heavily frequented Bernese Oberland more attractive and efficient. The vehicles are an important element in the planned increase in frequency during peak times. The BOB is thus taking account of the steadily increasing number of passengers, strengthening sustainable mobility in the region with the new trains and enabling motorised private transport to be shifted to climate-friendly rail.

"With our customised metre-gauge multiple units, we are contributing to the further expansion of sustainable mobility in the breathtaking Jungfrau region. We are proud of this. We are very pleased about the continued cooperation with the Berner Oberland-Bahnen and the trust they have placed in us," says Christian König, Deputy Head of Sales at Stadler.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. More than 15,200 employees work at 8 production and 6 engineering locations as well as over 80 service locations, including over 5,600 employees in Switzerland.

The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the mainline and urban transport sector includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, underground trains, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures mainline locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger coaches. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion railway vehicles.

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