



## **MAN wins major orders for 635 natural-gas buses Environment-friendly busses for Ankara and Den Haag**

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MAN Nutzfahrzeuge has consolidated its position as market leader in natural-gas buses in Europe by recently winning two major orders. Together they have a value in the three-digit million euros. The city of Ankara has ordered a further 500 MAN Lion's Classic natural-gas buses (CNG, Compressed Natural Gas). Back in 2006 the MAN Nutzfahrzeuge Group's Turkish sales company, MAN Kamyon ve Otobüs Ticaret A.Ş., won an invitation to tender from the municipal transport authority EGO for 490 vehicles. The especially environment-friendly and fully air-conditioned city buses for the second order are to be delivered between November 2008 and September 2009.

In The Hague too the city authorities (Haaglanden) and the well-known operator HTM Personenvervoer NV are going for environment-friendly MAN natural-gas technology. Recently an order was placed for a total of 135 MAN Lion's City low-floor buses with natural-gas-fired induction engine. Not only have the engines already been meeting the voluntary EEV exhaust-gas standard since 1999, but the vehicles already comply with Haaglanden's strict requirements on oxides of nitrogen – this was one of the criteria for obtaining subsidies for purchase of these new buses. The MAN E 2866 DUH04 induction engine, which is rated at 245 hp, is well known for its extremely low pollutant and noise emissions. Delivery of the vehicles will be split between 2009, 2010 and 2011. HTM is one of the most innovative operators in the Netherlands, and this large order makes it a customer of the MAN Nutzfahrzeuge Group for the first time.

Since 1992 MAN has been a pioneer in EEV, the voluntary exhaust-gas standard which is stricter than Euro 5, and is now market leader in natural-gas buses. To date some 4,000 complete buses with this drive system have been sold. Beside the MAN Lion's Classic and the Lion's City low-floor bus almost all solo and articulated buses are available with natural-gas drive. The 245 hp natural-gas engine in the buses for The Hague theoretically even complies with the provisional Euro 6 figures, which are expected to become obligatory in 2013.

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