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Bluebus, the French electric bus from Groupe Bolloré, has been selected after a tendering process by the RATP and Ile-de-France Mobilités

In February 2017, RATP and Ile-de-France Mobilités announced the launch of a second call for tenders designed to further the testing of electric buses. At the end of the proceedings, Bluebus was awarded orders ranging anywhere from €5 to €20M over a two year period.

After having won the RATP's first call for tenders, the 12 metre Bluebus were first commissioned in May 2016 on the occasion of the launch of the 1st RATP all electric standard bus line. There are now 43, 12 metre **Bluebus operating on three of Ile-de-France's lines** - lines 341, 115 and 126 – and which offer plug-in or reverse pantograph charging systems. **Their reliability and performance have been proven over the course to the past two years.**

Nearly a year ago and following the Bus Plan 2025, the RATP and Ile-de-France Mobilités announced a new call for tenders for the provision of new, 12 metre electric buses, and possibly of 18 metre buses. This €10 to €40 M market is broken down into two separate allotments earmarked for two different constructors. This call for tenders seeks to test new generation batteries, the interoperability between buses, charging stations and electrical heating. It's within this framework that the **RATP and Ile-de-France Mobilités have selected the French Bluebus technology being tested in the Paris region since 2016.**

Manufactured by Groupe Bolloré near Quimper, in Brittany, **Bluebus has the Guaranteed Made in France label.** It can carry about one hundred passengers and has a 200 to 250 kilometre autonomy thanks to its **eight Solid Lithium Metal Polymer (LMP®)** batteries. Designed and developed by Blue Solutions, a Groupe Bolloré affiliate, the LMP® battery technology is unique in the world. It offers a high level of security, performance and durability. Also granted the Guaranteed Made in France label, it is composed of French production cells and does not contain any rare earth, cobalt or solvent which facilitates its recycling.

"We are delighted that the RATP and Ile-de-France Mobilités have renewed their confidence in Groupe Bolloré by selecting Bluebus. It's both a great satisfaction and pride to be contributing to the large-scale programme that is Bus 2025 by bringing our technology and French know-how," explains Marie Bolloré, Executive Director Blue Solutions. "We fully support this effort for the energetic transformation of the RATP fleet which we consider essential. Paris is a pioneer at the national, European and global level. It is important that the French lead the way in terms of energy transition and we are proud of our contribution."

With around **fifty 12 metre Bluebus in service in Ile-de-France**, the Groupe Bolloré now has **the largest electric standard bus fleet in France.** This model will also operate in the Rennes metropolis and in Brussels (the Brussels Inter-communal Transport Syndicate) in 2018. With a fleet of 6 and 12 metre buses, the Bluebus range is now present **in Europe, Asia and Africa with more than 230 buses** and is able to serve the needs of companies, cities and metropolis around the world.

About Blue Solutions:

Publicly traded since October 30, 2013, Blue Solutions is the company that manages the electrical storage operations developed by the Bolloré group. By diversifying its historical business of producing paper and ultrathin plastic film, the Bolloré group has become a producer of complete electrical components for capacitors, and now holds over one-third of the global market. With this expertise and 20 years of R&D, the group has engineered electrical storage solutions and batteries that rely on a unique technology, the LMP® (Lithium Metal Polymer) battery as well as supercapacitor technology. The batteries are employed both in mobile applications (electric vehicles) as well as stationary ones (storing electricity for individuals, businesses, local governments, etc.) developed and sold by other group entities through Blue Applications, which since 2011 has been rapidly growing on every continent. www.blue-solutions.com

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