Mobileye, Transdev ATS & Lohr Group to Develop and Deploy Autonomous Shuttles

On-Road Testing to Start Next Year with Commercial Services Expected in 2023

JERUSALEM, Israel, and PARIS and STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 25, 2021 – Mobileye, an Intel Company, Transdev Autonomous Transport System (ATS), part of Transdev Group dedicated to autonomous mobility solutions; and Lohr Group, a mobility solutions manufacturer, today announced a strategic collaboration to develop and deploy autonomous shuttles. The companies are integrating Mobileye’s self-driving system into the i-Cristal electric shuttle, manufactured by Lohr Group, with plans to integrate it into public transportation services powered by fleets of self-driving shuttles across the globe, starting in Europe.

“Our collaboration with Transdev ATS and Lohr Group serves to grow Mobileye’s global footprint as the autonomous vehicle (AV) technology partner of choice for pioneers in the transportation industry,” said Johann Jungwirth, vice president of Mobility-as-a-Service at Mobileye. “Mobileye, Transdev ATS and Lohr Group are shaping the future of shared autonomous mobility, and we look forward to bringing our self-driving solutions to regions all over the world.”

“This collaboration between Transdev ATS, Lohr Group and Mobileye will enable to deploy autonomous vehicles in public transportation networks at scale, thanks to the combination of the complementary cutting-edge technologies and strong industrial expertise of the three partners,” said Patricia Villoslada, executive vice president of Transdev ATS. “Together we will bring new mobility solutions to reality in the next coming years.”

“The collaboration between Transdev ATS, Mobileye and Lohr Group is set to provide fully industrialized autonomous shuttles at scale to support the urban autonomous vision,” said Marie-José Navarre, vice president of Lohr Group. “Our common goal is to quickly provide to clients autonomous shuttles that could be easily and efficiently implemented in cities.”

By integrating the autonomous i-Cristal shuttle into Transdev’s existing mobility service networks, the companies aim to improve the efficiency and convenience of mass transportation solutions. Autonomous mobility can be woven into the fabric of transportation networks to distribute service when and where it’s needed, while also optimizing the fleets, lowering transportation costs and improving customer experiences.
Over the next year, Mobileye will work with Transdev ATS and Lohr Group to integrate and deploy i-Cristal autonomous shuttles leveraging Mobileye’s AV technology, Transdev ATS’s technology and Lohr Group’s industrial expertise. The three companies will initially test vehicles on roadways in France and Israel, aiming to ready technology designs for production by 2022. The companies expect to deploy self-driving i-Cristal shuttles in public transportation networks by 2023.

Through the collaboration, Mobileye and Transdev ATS will bring their technologies into the electric i-Cristal shuttle, manufactured by Lohr Group, which features space for up to 16 passengers and is fully accessible via a ramp. The shuttle can travel at speeds up to 50 kilometers per hour and is designed to safely and efficiently operate within today’s public transportation networks with Transdev ATS’ solutions. These solutions integrate Transdev ATS’ technology like the AV Supervision and expertise in deployment and operation services for public transportation operators and cities. The objective is to allow self-driving technology to become a daily reality.

Mobileye’s self-driving system is a turnkey AV solution that delivers safety via two core concepts: Mobileye’s formal Responsibility-Sensitive Safety model for the safety of the system’s decision-making, and a perception system featuring True Redundancy™ whereby two independent subsystems (cameras and radars+lidars) combine to enable robust perception. The self-driving system can also be deployed without geographical limitation thanks to Mobileye’s Road Experience Management™ AV mapping technology through which a proprietary, crowdsourced AV map of the global road network is created and then continuously and automatically updated using data gathered from mass-market advanced driver-assistance systems.

About Mobileye
Mobileye is the global leader in the development of computer vision and machine learning, data analysis, localization and mapping for advanced driver-assistance systems and automated driving. Mobileye’s technology helps keep people safer on the road, reduces the risks of traffic accidents, saves lives and aims to revolutionize the driving experience by enabling autonomous driving. Mobileye’s proprietary software algorithms and EyeQ® chips perform detailed interpretations of the visual field in order to anticipate possible collisions with other vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, animals, debris and other obstacles. Mobileye’s products are also able to detect roadway markings such as lanes, road boundaries, barriers and similar items; identify and read traffic signs, directional signs and traffic lights; create a RoadBook™ of localized drivable paths and visual landmarks using REM™; and provide mapping for autonomous driving. More information is available at newsroom.intel.com/autonomous.

About Transdev ATS
Transdev ATS is integrator of autonomous transport systems, including AV Supervision, autonomous vehicles and connected infrastructure. Transdev ATS also provides technologies and services to local operators and cities for autonomous mobility services day-to-day operations on a large scale. Transdev ATS is part of Transdev Group.
As an operator and global integrator of mobility, Transdev – The mobility company – gives people the freedom to move whenever and however they choose. We are proud to provide 11 million passenger trips everyday thanks to efficient, easy to use and environmentally friendly transportation services that connect people and communities. Our approach is rooted in long-term partnerships with businesses and public authorities, and in the relentless pursuit of the safest and most innovative mobility solutions. We are a team of people serving people, and mobility is what we do. Transdev is jointly held by Caisse des Dépôts Group (66%) and the Rethmann Group (34%). In 2019, with 85,000 employees in 18 countries, the Group generated total revenues of 7.4 billion euros. For more information: www.transdev.com.

About Lohr Group
Lohr, is a private French group based in Alsace near Strasbourg, France. For more than 55 years it has been a world specialist in the design, manufacture and marketing of systems for the transport of goods and people, and generates 80% of its turnover from exports. With a global industrial presence with six plants on three continents, 1,500 employees, and a research and development center of 120 engineers and technicians, the LOHR group continues to ensure its position as world leader in car carriers, to develop its piggyback business and to promote projects serving sustainable mobility. To find out more: www.lohr.fr

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