



Turkish Company ‘Currently in Discussions with a U.S.-Based Manufacturer’

Turkey’s Karsan is gearing up to display a 42-foot compressed natural gas-fueled transit bus at the UITP Global Transport Summit next week in Montreal – and says it wants to build the “Sunshine” vehicle in the U.S. to meet federal “Buy America” funding requirements.

“The timing of the conference is ideal in that we are currently in discussions with a U.S.-based manufacturer and further our decades-long experience in urban transit on an even-more global scale,” Karsan business development and projects director Levent Erdogan said in a release.

The vehicle has successfully completed Altoona testing and is currently completing FMVSS/CMVSS certification, Karsan says, and “will be ready for sale before the end of 2017.”

Cummins Westport & Luxfer

The vehicle is powered by the dedicated-natural gas 8.9-liter ISL G engine from Cummins Westport.

Karsan is using Type IV CNG fuel cylinders from Luxfer, says Karsan U.S. sales chief Peter Schenkman.

‘A Class Leader in Fuel Economy and Range’

“We are still analyzing fuel economy test results but it appears initially the bus will be a class leader in fuel economy and range,” he told *F&F*.

Karsan, a 51-year-old company has produced more than 277,000 total vehicles, ranging in size from 5 meters (16.4 feet) to 18 meters (59 feet), sold in nearly 20 countries.

UITP’s Global Public Transport Summit takes place **May 15-17** at the *Palais des Congrès de Montréal*.



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Karsan, at a glance

Founded in 1966, Karsan Otomotiv Sanayii ve Ticaret A.Ş. operated under the Koç Group between 1979-1998 and following Inan Kıraç's purchase of the majority shares in 1998, the Company started to carry out its operations within the body of Kıraç Holding. Since 1981, Karsan has been a commercial vehicle manufacturer with 100% local capital. In line with its "Limitless Transportation Solution" vision set in 2009, Karsan has aimed to develop and manufacture a wide variety of products ranging from passenger cars to busses and minivans to heavy trucks and today the Company produces in its state of the art, flexible facilities Hyundai Motor Company's H350 model panelvans, minibusses as well as chassis for pick-up trucks and Menarinibus branded busses under license besides Karsan CS, Karsan ATAK and Karsan Star vehicles manufactured under its own brand. Marketing, sales and after sales services of such products are performed via Karsan Marketing.

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