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Successful partnership

A portable terminal for MAN Truck & Bus AG



In time for the *transport logistic 2011* industry show in Munich, United Navigation and MAN Truck & Bus AG have announced their collaboration on a new logistics device for MAN TeleMatics: MAN and navigation system hardware and software specialist United Navigation are showing their first joint product – a portable navigation device in an

MAN design with a 17.8cm display – at the international fair for logistics, mobility, IT and supply chain management on May 10–13, 2011.

Like all navigation solutions from United Navigation, the MAN-branded navigation device combines exceptional flexibility with portability. Based on Falk's tried-and-tested navigation software, the device is also equipped with a telematics interface that enables it to connect to MAN TeleMatics, the truck and bus maker's own telematics solution.

The collaboration between MAN and United Navigation began with the development of a flexible hardware and software solution for the MAN TeleMatics logistics application. The new portable terminal not only provides truck-specific navigation capabilities, it also serves as an input/output terminal for MAN's own telematics application. United Navigation's ability to provide unique, tailored solutions is what convinced the international supplier of commercial vehicles and transport solutions to collaborate with the sat nav specialist on this project. Ostfildern-based United Navigation is now supplying its partner with a portable navigation device (PND) with an extra-wide (17.8cm) screen, designed specifically to meet the needs of commercial vehicles.

"We're delighted that we were able to convince MAN Truck & Bus AG of our abilities in the field of portable navigation. MAN is a leading international supplier of commercial vehicles and transport solutions, so it was an exciting opportunity to be able work with them on developing a navigation device that not only provides reliable routing information but also operates as a terminal to enable vehicle drivers and dispatch centers to exchange tasking

information and text messages,” says Dr. Frank Mair, Managing Director of United Navigation.

“Developing the new MAN TeleMatics terminal with United Navigation, a leading supplier of navigation solutions, was a constructive and rewarding experience. United Navigation’s solutions, tailored exactly to our requirements, have proven that we were right in choosing to work with them,” explains Matthias Kochan, head of the MAN TeleMatics project at MAN Truck & Bus AG.

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About United Navigation GmbH

United Navigation GmbH develops and sells navigation hardware and software. Based in Ostfildern near Stuttgart, the company serves three business areas: portable navigation devices for private customers under the Becker and Falk trademarks, complete systems for corporate fleet management and permanent installation solutions for the automobile industry. The devices use a variety of award-winning technologies, such as “Falk Learning Navigation” and “Becker OneShot Speech Dialogue System”. Different series of the Falk navigation systems use the high-quality content of the digital travel guides from the MAIRDUMONT publishing group.

About MAN Truck & Bus AG

MAN Truck & Bus AG (www.mantruckandbus.com), based in Munich, Germany, is the largest company in the MAN Group and a top-ranking international supplier of commercial vehicle and transport solutions. MAN Truck & Bus AG’s product lines include the MAN brand of trucks and buses, as well as NEOPLAN buses. The company has four manufacturing locations in Germany – in Munich, Nuremberg, Salzgitter and Plauen – plus additional production facilities in Vienna and Steyr (Austria), in Poznań, Starachowice and Kraków (Poland), and in Ankara (Turkey).

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