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Champions of London once again!

Transdev's London bus operations have scored another success with London United being named Public Transport Operator of the Year, taking top prize at the 2005 London Transport Awards. This is familiar ground for the Transdev-owned Company who took the Bus Operator of the Year title in last year's awards.

Beating off tough competition from a variety of train, bus, tram and boat operators, Transdev are delighted to have London United's position as best public transport operator in London confirmed once again, a sure sign of commitment to delivering high quality services.

Transdev plc Deputy Chief Executive and London United Managing Director Charlie Beaumont said: *"Receiving the ultimate accolade for the second year running is a terrific achievement by the whole London United team, and coming on the back of Nottingham City Transport and London United being named winner and runner-up in the 2004 Bus Industry Awards, really confirms Transdev's position as the premier quality public transport operating group."*

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The awards evening, held on Wednesday 30 March at the London Hilton Hotel on Park Lane, was hosted by David Begg (Director, The Centre of Transport Policy, Robert Gordon University) and Baroness Ros Scott (Chair, Transport Executive, Local Government Association).

The event celebrates the achievements of the capital's transport industry and rewards those organisations making a positive difference to public transport in London.

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Notes for Editors

London United Ltd

Transdev-owned London United is renowned as one of the premier major quality bus operating companies in the capital, and regularly tops Transport for London's performance tables. Operating a network of routes across Central, West and South-West London, with over 100 million passenger journeys each year. The company operates from six operational depots, in Fulwell, Hounslow, Hounslow Heath, Shepherds Bush, Stamford Brook and Tolworth, employing more than 2000 staff and maintaining a fleet of 630 buses.

London United became part of the Transdev Group in 1997 with its sister London bus operating company, London Sovereign, joining the Group in 2002.

Transdev

Transdev is an international public transport group, operating around 100 local transport networks across France, Australia, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the UK, and carrying some 3 million passengers per day – more than 1 billion people per year in total.

Transdev is the world's largest private tram operator, operating tram systems across Europe and in Australia.

The Group's UK Division, Transdev plc, is a major provider of London bus services through its wholly-owned subsidiaries London United and London Sovereign and is also a shareholding partner with the council in the award-winning Nottingham City Transport bus company. In partnership with NCT Transdev operates Nottingham Express Transit tram network, and more recently has been chosen as the partner of *transport initiatives edinburgh (tie)* to develop the new Edinburgh tram scheme.

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