



KGIS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS HONG KONG CONTRACT FOR THE FLEET-WIDE DEPLOYMENT OF AN INTEGRATED BUS LOGGING AND AUTOMATIC BUS STOP ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM FOR CITYBUS LIMITED

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Hong Kong bus operator, Citybus Limited, has awarded a contract to KG Intelligent Systems Limited (KGIS) to deploy a combined bus logging and passenger announcement solution across its entire F1 Fleet of 745 buses.

This system will be built around KGIS's proprietary vehicle platform embracing state-of-the-art vehicle tracking technology as well as software development and integration. KGIS will be responsible for overall system design, supply and installation as well as turnkey project management and support.

Commenting on the project, KGIS Project Manager, Christina Lam said "Citybus is committed to enhancing the safety, service reliability and passenger convenience across its buses. The project has been carefully planned and the client has made a substantial investment to secure its implementation. Working in close partnership with our client, KGIS will deploy an integrated solution across Citybus' fleet which will support both bus logging and automatic on-bus announcement applications".

The Citybus system will be based on FleetHOST, KGIS's vehicle computing platform which provides an integrated high-tech GPS enabled automatic bus stop announcement solution in multiple languages as well as the "Black Box" data logging applications, real-time positioning announcements and Wi-Fi interfaces for data transmission. The system will go live during late 2008.

A small box the size of a car radio, the KGIS system is wired into a vehicles engine and operating systems, where it gathers comprehensive data about the vehicles motion on the road. All the collected information will be converted into user-friendly operational reports that are transmitted to Citybus' central control server. Such "early-warning" reports alert Citybus' operators to diagnose driving behaviour and potential bus performance or safety-related problems and take preventive and pro-active remedial steps to recover these.

KGIS secured the contract from Citybus after successful pilot trials and amid strong competition from both local and international Service Providers. It is another major step forward in the efforts KGIS are making to dispel the myth that GPS-based positioning systems are inaccurate and ineffective in major urban areas like Hong Kong. Buoyed by this success, KGIS intends to maintain its status as a leader in the provision of efficient and reliable GPS-driven applications for public transport operators in the region.

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