



## **Swarthout Coaches outfitting its fleet to battle COVID-19 With Proactive Air and Surface Purification Systems from NFI Parts®**

**Louisville, Kentucky, USA – March 1, 2021:** (TSX: NFI) NFI Parts®, the parts subsidiary of NFI Group Inc. (“NFI”), one of the world’s leading independent bus manufacturers, announced today that Swarthout Coaches Inc. has purchased Proactive Air and Surface Purification units to outfit its entire fleet.

The PASP system technology creates High Energy Clusters (HEC) and Advanced Bi-Polar Ion Oxidizers that deactivates dangerous pathogens at the cellular level in the air and on the surfaces. It works on its own while the vehicle is in use and does not require additional down time or disinfecting labor during service hours. The unit is an easy-to-install solution and does not void vehicle system warranties and only requires 12V power to operate.

“It’s very exciting to see the positive response to the PASP system,” said Scott Robertson, Vice President of Customer Service at NFI Parts. “Our industry needs to meet the raised expectations for safety and cleanliness riders now have as we continue through the pandemic. The team at Swarthout has made a great long-term investment in their fleet choosing this new technology.”

The technology has been tested in a stationary mass transportation vehicle environment; surface bacteria levels were reduced to almost non-detectable levels, VOC (volatile organic compounds) air quality measurements were reduced by almost 96%. Lab testing in 2020 conducted at the University of Florida confirmed the technology deactivates SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, as well as deactivating coronavirus 229E.

Effective against viruses, bacteria, mold, fungus, VOCs, mildew and unpleasant odors, the unit is mounted directly in passenger compartment allowing for deactivation of viruses as they are introduced into the vehicle. Virus deactivation at the source of introduction is one of the critical factors to increasing passenger and vehicle safety.

“Our goal is to ensure our fleet is outfitted with the best available technologies to keep drivers and riders safe,” Mark DiGiacomo, Operations Manager at Swarthout Coaches. “We treat our customers and employees the same as we would our family; the standards we set for ourselves are not based on ‘minimums’. The PASP units, along with upgrades to our air filtration systems, offer a healthy and clean cabin environment.”

Swarthout Coaches recently celebrated its 70th Anniversary and is proud of its service to the residents of the Southern Tier and Central New York communities. As the 3rd generation of ownership has taken over the reins of the business, their commitment remains strong to providing the highest levels of hospitality, while keeping a sharp eye on addressing all the safety concerns that have come with this pandemic. Be on the lookout for all of their efforts with the year-long anniversary celebration that will include an update to their branding, a specially designed theme for their new coach and much more.

NFI Parts takes pride in its ability to keep people moving as a provider of parts and support for the coach and transit industries. Priority is on keeping employees safe while maintaining operations as a critical supplier to customers that are providing essential transportation services to their riders.



## About NFI

Leveraging 450 years of combined experience, NFI is leading the electrification of mass mobility around the world. With zero-emission buses and coaches, infrastructure, and technology, NFI meets today's urban demands for scalable smart mobility solutions. Together, NFI is enabling more livable cities through connected, clean, and sustainable transportation.

With 8,000 team members in ten countries, NFI is a leading global bus manufacturer of mass mobility solutions under the brands New Flyer® (heavy-duty transit buses), MCI® (motor coaches), Alexander Dennis Limited (single and double-deck buses), Plaxton (motor coaches), ARBOC® (low-floor cutaway and medium-duty buses), and NFI Parts®. NFI currently offers the widest range of sustainable drive systems available, including zero-emission electric (trolley, battery, and fuel cell), natural gas, electric hybrid, and clean diesel. In total, NFI supports its installed base of over 105,000 buses and coaches around the world. NFI common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NFI. News and information is available at [www.nfigroup.com](http://www.nfigroup.com), [www.newflyer.com](http://www.newflyer.com), [www.mcicoach.com](http://www.mcicoach.com), [www.arbocsv.com](http://www.arbocsv.com), [www.alexander-dennis.com](http://www.alexander-dennis.com), and [www.nfi.parts](http://www.nfi.parts).

## About NFI Parts

NFI Parts® is North America's most comprehensive organization providing parts, technical publications, training, and support for buses and motor coaches. NFI Parts is the parts division of NFI Group, providing replacement parts for New Flyer transit buses, MCI motor coaches, ARBOC cutaway vehicles, as well as the product lines for the acquired NABI and Orion parts businesses. Additionally, NFI Parts has extensive cross references for parts that are common with other bus, coach, and cutaway product lines and has a mature supply base and established relationships with over 1,000 suppliers.

With over 90 years of parts experience, NFI Parts supports a combined fleet of 75,000 active transit buses, motor coaches and cutaway vehicles. NFI Parts serves more than 5,000 customers annually. NFI Parts understands the operational importance of getting the right parts, on time, all the time; allowing customer maintenance teams to focus on repairs and returning vehicles to service quickly. Further information is available at [www.nfi.parts](http://www.nfi.parts).

## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this press release are "forward-looking statements", which reflect the expectations of management regarding the claims relating to the functionality, efficacy, safety and the health attributes of the PASP system and management's expectations regarding the future demand for the product being installed in NFI's buses. The words "believes", "anticipates", "plans", "expects", "intends", "projects", "forecasts", "estimates", "may", "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this press release are based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, investors cannot be assured that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements, and the differences may be material. Actual results may differ materially from management expectations as projected in such forward-looking statements for a variety of reasons, including whether the PASP system is effective in reducing or deactivating the SARS-CoV-2 virus, coronavirus 229E, and other viruses, mold and the other substances described in this press release to the extent claimed or at all; whether customers will purchase buses with the PASP system installed or will purchase the PASP system in the aftermarket;



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