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## Ballard Fuel Cell Modules Operating to a High Standard in Transport for London Buses

**VANCOUVER, CANADA** – Ballard Power Systems has confirmed that the company's FCvelocity® fuel cell modules, currently powering five buses in the Transport for London (TfL) fleet on route RV1 along the South Bank and Bankside, have performed safely and reliably. These modules were not the source of a fire recently experienced on one of the fuel cell-powered buses.

A TfL spokesperson commented, "On 12 June one of Transport for London's five hydrogen buses experienced a small electrical fire not related to the innovative hydrogen system. All the buses were withdrawn from service as a precautionary measure pending a full investigation. The investigation has identified some minor modifications to the buses which we are currently making. The vehicles are expected to be back in service shortly."

A recent report prepared for Transport for London noted that initial performance of the hydrogen fuel cell buses is promising, with fuel performance and reliability currently exceeding expectations.

Three additional zero-emission buses, also powered by Ballard's FCvelocity® fuel cell modules, will be joining the five existing fuel cell buses in TfL's fleet, enabling Transport for London to operate its central Covent Garden-Tower Gateway route entirely by means of hydrogen fuel cell buses.

In addition to providing FCvelocity® fuel cell modules provided to TfL, Ballard has also made recent sales to Advanced Public Transportation Systems bv in The Netherlands, Van Hool of Belgium, SunLine Transit Agency in California and Tuttotrasporti in Brazil – all signs of a growing global market opportunity for clean energy transit buses.

### About Ballard Power Systems

Ballard Power Systems (TSX: BLD) (NASDAQ: BLDP) provides clean energy fuel cell products enabling optimized power systems for a range of applications. Products contain proprietary **esencia**™ technology, ensuring incomparable performance, durability and versatility. To learn more about Ballard, please visit [www.ballard.com](http://www.ballard.com).