



ARBOC receives patent for Spirit of Independence

Middlebury, Indiana, USA – August 27, 2018: (TSX: NFI) ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC (“ARBOC”), a U.S. subsidiary of NFI Group Inc. (“NFI”), the largest transit bus and motor coach manufacturer and parts distributor in North America, today announced the receipt of patent number US 10,023,243 B2 for its Spirit of Independence (“Independence”) model.

The Independence is a small low floor bus used primarily for transit or shuttle applications. The bus is produced using a monocoque body attached to an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) cab frame having the chassis removed. The patented passenger compartment floor structure improves accessibility for wheelchairs, passengers assisted by walkers, and other riders by providing a sloped entrance with a deployable ramp and by eliminating any step-up over the rear axle. The continuous low passenger floor resides at a lower level than the OEM cab frame

“ARBOC is proud to develop another fully low floor option for the transit industry,” said Don Roberts, President, ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC. “We are already experiencing a significant amount of success with this new product offering and expect it to escalate well into the future.” Roberts is a co-holder of the patent assigned to ARBOC, along with Kelvin Tetzloff, Research and Development Technician and Barry Hines, Vice President of Engineering.

The addition of patent number US 10,023,243 B2 brings ARBOC’s total patent count to six for both its cutaway and rail products.

ARBOC has been innovating accessible transit for North Americans since 2008. Over 70% of North America’s low-floor body-on-chassis buses (“cutaways”) are manufactured by ARBOC.



Pictured are Spirit of Independence Inventors: Kelvin Tetzloff, Don Roberts, and Barry Hines





About NFI Group

With nearly 6,000 team members, operating from 31 facilities across Canada and the United States, NFI is North America's largest bus manufacturer providing a comprehensive suite of mass transportation solutions under several brands: New Flyer® (heavy-duty transit buses), ARBOC® (low-floor cutaway and medium-duty buses), MCI® (motor coaches), and NFI Parts™ (parts, support, and service). NFI buses incorporate the widest range of drive systems available including: clean diesel, natural gas, diesel-electric hybrid, and zero-emission electric (trolley, battery, and fuel cell). For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, NFI posted revenues of US \$2.4 billion. NFI common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NFI. News and information are available at www.nfigroup.com.

About ARBOC Specialty Vehicles

ARBOC is North America's low-floor, body-on-chassis ("cutaway") bus leader serving transit, paratransit, and shuttle applications. With more than 3,000 buses in service, ARBOC leads the low-floor cutaway bus market providing unsurpassed passenger accessibility and comfort over traditional high-floor cutaway vehicles. ARBOC also offers a medium-duty bus for transit and shuttle applications. Further information is available at www.arbocsv.com.

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