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Alstom awarded a 117 million euro contract for the maintenance of the London Underground

Tube Lines, the company commissioned by railway operator London Underground to rebuild 40 percent of the London metro system, has renewed its contract with Alstom Transport for the maintenance of the Jubilee Line fleet, in a deal worth €117 million.

Alstom Transport has handled the maintenance of this fleet since 1996, in London's Stratford Market depot. Under the terms of the renewed contract, Alstom will continue to maintain the fleet for the next 10 years, until 2017. The Jubilee Line fleet currently consists of 63 trainsets manufactured by Alstom. The line has seen traffic frequency increase significantly in recent years, due to the development of the East London districts (in particular the business district of Canary Wharf). Traffic is expected to continue to grow as the line will serve the facilities for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Elsewhere in London, Alstom has managed the maintenance of the Northern Line fleet – the busiest line on London's underground system - since 1995. Alstom will continue to maintain the 106 trainsets operating on the line until 2017 with an option for 10 additional years.

Within Alstom Transport, maintenance is one of the activities with the strongest potential for growth, thanks to the opening up of competition in freight and passenger transport. Over recent years, Alstom has won major contracts for the maintenance of freight locomotives for BNSF (United States), high-speed 'Pendolino' tilting trains operated on the West Coast Main Line (United Kingdom), the Bucharest metro (Romania), and the maintenance of trainsets and infrastructure on the Dublin, Barcelona and Reims tramways.

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