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A contract worth €170 million,

Alstom to supply Melbourne with 20 additional X'Trapolis suburban trains

Alstom Transport has been awarded a contract worth 170 million euros to supply the State of Victoria, southeast Australia, with 20 additional X'Trapolis suburban trains for the City of Melbourne's metropolitan network. This order is part of an option under a contract signed in January 2008 for the delivery of 18 X'Trapolis trainsets. Following the exercise of this option, the number of trains to be delivered to the State of Victoria has increased to 38 six-coach trainsets. The delivery of the new trains is set to begin in the last quarter of 2010. These six-car trainsets will be added to the existing City of Melbourne fleet, where 58 three-coach X'Trapolis trainsets produced by Alstom have already been in operation since 2002.

The X'Trapolis suburban trains operating on Melbourne's network offer exceptional capacity (up to 30,000 passengers an hour in each direction) and three doors per car to facilitate passenger flows during peak schedules. Wide intercarriage access also enhances movement within the trains, which are equipped with air-conditioning, priority seating for the elderly, and easy access for wheelchair users. X'Trapolis trains provide users with greater visibility and space, giving additional comfort and the feeling of security. The new trains will further benefit from a modernised passenger information system (automatic announcement of stations) and security cameras.

This new contract underlines the trust placed in Alstom's products by the State of Victoria. It also enables Alstom to strengthen its presence in Australia. Alstom has also supplied Melbourne with 36 Citadis trams, which have been in service since 2001.

With its X'Trapolis and Coradia ranges, Alstom offers operators and users regional trains that are perfectly adapted to their needs and requirements: comfortable, spacious, reliable and available, Alstom's regional trains are easy to maintain and environmentally friendly. Alstom has already built more than 3,000 regional trains, which have covered more than 4 billion kilometres.

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