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***A project worth more than €250 million***

## **Alstom chosen by Lille Métropole to renew Lille's Line 1 automatic metro**

Alstom has been selected as preferred bidder by Lille Métropole to modernise Line 1 of the city's metro. With a value of more than €250 million, the project provides for the supply of an integrated system which includes an automatic driver system and 27 rubber-tired metro trainsets in order to address the expected increase in traffic over the next few years. After the signing of the contract, contemplated in June, it will start mid-2012 for a completion in 2017.

The automatic trainsets from Alstom's Metropolis range will be doubled in length in comparison to the existing fleet and will be able to carry up to 545 people. Their design will offer passengers a more comfortable ride, thanks particularly to the absence of partitions between each car. The interior design will create a warm, bright environment with larger windows. Passenger information will be improved by electronic display units and multimedia screens. Spaces will be dedicated to people with reduced mobility. A system of video cameras transmitting images in real time to the control centre will strengthen the security of passengers on-board the metro and on the station platforms. Urbalis signalling system control equipment will replace the current system.

The modernisation of Line 1 will allow transport capacity to be doubled. It will also lead to a reduction in energy consumption of 20%. The new system will be less costly to maintain and more flexible to run. It is scheduled to come into service progressively from 2015 and this will be carried out without disturbing line operation.

*« After many cities in Asia, South America and Europe, Lille's choice of Alstom's automatic metro system is a great source of satisfaction for us. It shows the dynamism and industrial know-how of the French rail sector »,* declared Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Alstom Transport President.

The Alstom rubber-tired metros are designed and produced in the company's site of Valenciennes, in Northern France. Six other Alstom Transport sites in France are also involved in this project: Saint-Ouen, Reichshoffen, Ornans, Le Creusot, Villeurbanne and Tarbes.

### **About Alstom latest generation rubber-tyred metro trainsets**

In fulfilling this contract, Alstom will draw on its expertise in the area of urban transport, particularly in rubber-tyred metro trainset. For over than 60 years, Alstom Transport has been the world leader in the rubber-tyred metro market. More than 5 800 cars circulating around the world are from Alstom, in cities like Chicago, Lausanne, Lille, Marseille, Mexico city, Montréal, Orly, Paris, Santiago, Taipei and Toulouse.

### **About Alstom signalling system Urbalis**

In fulfilling this contract, Alstom will draw on its worldwide leadership for the supply and installation of Train Centric Train Control system. Urbalis is installed in 10 lines including Beijing, Lausanne, Milan, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Shanghai and Shenzhnen and 18 others are currently in progress. The latest Urbalis is the result of 25 years of experience.

### **About Alstom**

*Alstom is a global leader in the world of power generation, power transmission and rail infrastructure and sets the benchmark for innovative and environmentally friendly technologies. Alstom builds the fastest train and the highest capacity automated metro in the world, provides turnkey integrated power plant solutions and associated services for a wide variety of energy sources, including hydro, nuclear, gas, coal and wind, and it offers a wide range of solutions for power transmission, with a focus on smart grids. The Group employs 92,000 people in around 100 countries. It had sales of €20 billion and booked close to €22 billion in orders in 2011/12.*

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