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SNCF orders 23 additional Régiolis trains from Alstom for approximately €135 million

SNCF (French national railways) has placed an order of around €135 million with Alstom Transport for an additional 23 Régiolis regional trains from the Coradia Polyvalent range for use in the Basse Normandie and Haute Normandie regions of France. This order is part of the contract signed on 27 October 2009 with SNCF and is financed by the French regions. The initial contract consisted of a first tranche totalling €800 million for the supply of 100 Coradia Polyvalent trains. In January 2010, an optional tranche for 19 trains, worth around €130 million, had already been exercised.

These 142 trainsets will operate in the regions of Alsace, Aquitaine, Basse Normandie, Haute Normandie, Lorraine, Midi-Pyrénées, Pays de la Loire, Picardie and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2013 and end in mid-2015. Eventually up to 1,000 Coradia Polyvalent trains may be ordered, for a total of over €7 billion.

With manufacturing operations slated to continue for many years, Coradia Polyvalent also helps sustain dynamic regional economies. The train will be entirely designed, manufactured and assembled in Alstom Transport facilities in France: train engineering and assembly in Reichshoffen (Alsace); bogies in Le Creusot (Bourgogne); motors in Ornans (Franche-Comté); traction drives in Tarbes (Midi-Pyrénées); and onboard computing systems in Villeurbanne (Rhône-Alpes).

Alstom Transport is the leading French train company and contributes to thriving local economies thanks to its 9 industrial sites. Alstom Transport's 8,700 employees in France provide expertise to both French and international customers; indeed one job at Alstom creates about three jobs for its suppliers. Alstom's La Rochelle site is currently fulfilling orders for Citadis tramways and AGV trains for Italian rail operator NTV; the Valenciennes site for Paris and Amsterdam metro projects as well as the Citadis Dualis tram train; and the Belfort site for the Prima locomotive for Morocco.

Régiolis: a product of Alstom's range of regional Coradia trains

The highly modular Coradia Polyvalent range is a single-level regional train offering several different technical configurations along with modular fittings for passengers. It can travel at speeds of up to 160km/h in both its electric and hybrid versions and operates at two different voltages (25 kV and 1500 V). It is also available in a transborder version for operation on the German and Swiss rail networks at a voltage of 15 kV. Its platform-height floor provides travellers with optimal accessibility and full all-round visibility for improved security. Motor bogies are positioned at the ends of the carriages to limit vibrations and noise levels.

The Coradia Polyvalent consumes about 15% less energy than its competitors – and hence less CO₂ – and its design incorporates eco-friendly and sustainable materials. It is equipped with permanent magnet motors that are more compact and efficient than conventional electric motors. The technical choices incorporated into its design both facilitate maintenance and optimize life-cycle cost.

Thanks to over 30 years' experience in regional transportation, the Alstom Coradia family range of intercity and regional trains can provide adapted solutions to sharply increasing road traffic, both within cities and on motorways, and to continued suburban sprawl. Alstom has already built over 3,000 regional trains in its French, German and Italian plants, which together have covered over 4 billion kilometres.

About Alstom Transport

Alstom Transport develops and offers the most complete range of systems, equipment and services on the rail market, with sustainable transport always in mind. Alstom Transport can manage an entire transport system, from rolling stock to signalling and infrastructure, and offers turnkey solutions.

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