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A contract worth 148 million euros **Alstom to supply 23 regional Coradia Nordic trains in Sweden**

The Swedish rolling stock company AB Transitio has placed a €148 million order with Alstom for 23 regional Coradia Nordic trains to be used by public transport authorities Norrtåg AB in Northern Sweden and Västtrafik AB in the region of Västra Götaland (southwest of Sweden). The new trains for Norrtåg will serve the new lines between Sundsvall-Umea and Umea-Lulea as well as the existing Sundsvall-Östersund-Storlien and Lulea-Kiruna lines. This order is part of the 10-year rail development plan for the northern part of Sweden. The trains for Västtrafik will operate between Kungälv-Gothenburg-Alingsås.

The new trains are Coradia Nordic EMUs (Electric Multiple Unit) with 4 articulated cars and they can reach up to 180 km/h. The trainsets will be designed and assembled at Alstom's Salzgitter site in Germany while the ONIX traction system will be constructed at the site in Tarbes, France. They will be delivered by autumn 2010.

Coradia Nordic are particularly well-suited to extreme winter conditions thanks to the placing of technical equipment on the roof (traction, converters, air-conditioning system etc). Able to accommodate 228 passengers, these trains will offer a heightened level of comfort, in particular due to enhanced accessibility made possible by lower floors and the absence of steps. The trains that will be used by Norrtåg will also feature a bistro area. The Coradia Nordic are also a part of Alstom's environmental protection strategy: they are 95% recyclable and their distributed power optimizes the braking and acceleration of each carriage, which decreases energy consumption.

"This order strengthens our position on the Swedish rail market and underlines the success of this train, which is appropriate for the Swedish climate," said Roland Kientz, Alstom Transport Senior Vice President for Northern Europe. *"This is in fact the fifth order for Coradia Nordic that we have received."* To date Alstom has already supplied 71 regional trains to Stockholm's public transport operator SL. Another 49 trains have been ordered by the operator Skånetrafiken. The Östergötland and Jönköping regions also respectively ordered five and two Coradia Nordic this past spring. Alstom has sold a total of 149 Coradia Nordic to Swedish operators.

Since the first contract in 2002, Alstom has sold a total of 289 Coradia Continental and Nordic in Europe to private and public operators, including this new order.

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