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A contract worth €100 million

Alstom to supply 26 Coradia regional trains to German operator BeNEX

Private German railway operator BeNEX, a subsidiary of public operator Hamburger Hochbahn AG, has just placed an order with Alstom for 26 Coradia Continental regional trains. The contract represents nearly €100 million and covers 26 electric propulsion trains, including 21 three-car trains and 5 four-car trains. They will be put into service in the Regensburg-Donauthalbahnhof regional network in late 2010. All of the trains will be manufactured at Alstom's site in Salzgitter, Germany.

Coradia Lirex trains, which can operate at speed of up to 160 kph, are characterised by their high degree of modularity. The length of the coaches, number of doors and the interior design can be adapted to the needs of operators and passengers. The arrangement of the multi-activity areas can be varied to suit the season, for example giving passengers more space in summer to stow their bicycles. A lowered floor and gangways between the coaches facilitate access onto and movement on board the train, particularly for people with reduced mobility.

95% recyclable, Coradia Continental trains exemplify the environmental approach applied by Alstom. This achievement results from taking into account, right from the project design phase, parameters which make it possible to control the trains' impact on the environment throughout their lifecycle, from manufacturing to recycling. In addition, the energy management system with which they are equipped reduces the consumption of the traction and auxiliary systems.

Alstom has already sold 233 Coradia Continental and Nordic ("winterised") trains to public and private operators in Germany and Sweden since the range was launched in 2002. *"This contract firmly establishes the success of Coradia Continental. Perfectly suited to passengers and operators' requirements and demands, the Coradia range offers high-capacity regional trains that are reliable, available, easy to maintain, accessible and clear"*, said Roland Kientz, Alstom Transport's Senior Vice President for Northern Europe.

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