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## Alstom will provide 23 metros to Amsterdam

The municipality of Amsterdam (Netherlands) has placed an order with Alstom Transport for 23 metro trainsets, for a total amount of around €200 million. The contract includes an option for additional metro trainsets for the North/South line which is under construction.

Part of Alstom's Metropolis range, the metros will be produced in its Valenciennes (France) and Katowice (Poland) sites. The first trainset will be delivered in the Spring of 2012. All the trainsets are meant for the existing metro lines of Amsterdam, with a commercial service starting at the end of 2012.

Amsterdam's Metropolis will make access and getting around on board easier thanks to large doors, continuous low floor, extra wide chairs and gangways between the coaches. Besides, dynamic travel information, communication connections and transparent interiors will improve passengers' safety and comfort. Thanks to larger length of the new metro trains (116 m), the total transportation capacity will increase with approximately 50%.

This order forms part of an ambitious public transport policy adopted by the municipality of Amsterdam, the City region and the operator, GVB.<sup>1</sup> The development and modernisation programme for the Amsterdam metro includes a number of other initiatives, such as the creation of a new North/South line, the renovation of the East line and the rebuilding of the Amstelveen line.

*"The new metro means a big quality leap for all travellers including disabled. It will further enhance the attractiveness of the metro system, which is good for the environment, the city and the region"*, declared the alderman Hans Gerson.

*"Alstom is proud to be the supplier of this new generation metro's for the city of Amsterdam. A metro that, thanks to its unique features, will strengthen the bond of the Amsterdam people with their transportation system"*, completed Andreas Knitter, North Europe General manager for Alstom Transport.

In fulfilling this contract, Alstom will draw on its expertise in the field of metro transport. One in four metros presently in operation in the world is an Alstom metro. In total, more than 3,000 Metropolis coaches have been sold across the world in cities such as Barcelona, Warsaw, Budapest, Istanbul, Singapore, Shanghai, Nanjing, Buenos Aires, Santiago de Chile and Santo Domingo.

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<sup>1</sup> GVB: Gemeentelijk Vervoerbedrijf

## **The main characteristics of the Amsterdam Metropolis**

- Each trainset is made up of 6 coaches.
- The trainsets are 116 metres long and 230 cm high.
- 174 wide seats are installed in the length direction of the vehicle.
- Total capacity is of 960 passengers per train.
- Maximum speed is of 80 km/hr.
- Each trainset is equipped with high doors (208 cm). There are 24 doors per side per vehicle.
- The trainsets feature a low floor and gangways between coaches.
- Wheelchair facilities are installed in 2 multi functional spaces.
- Lighting of the trainsets is completely constructed with sustainable LED technology.
- Trainsets are equipped with quality travel information, communication connections and cameras surveillance.
- Noise reducing equipment is installed on board.
- Trainsets meet the strongest fire safety demands.
- Trainsets are fully prepared for automatic transport without driver.

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