Alstom delivers interlocking signalling system to Maghagha station in Egypt

11 March 2019 – Alstom has successfully supplied, tested and put into commercial operation the computer-based interlocking signalling system Smartlock 400 for Maghagha’s main railway station. This is the second section of the Beni Suef-Asyut line to enter service with Alstom’s interlocking signalling system, following the commissioning of Abu Qurqas station at the end of 2018.

In 2015 Alstom was awarded a contract by Egyptian National Railways (ENR) to supply signalling equipment for the Beni Suef-Asyut line in Egypt. The regional railway line running between Beni Suef and Asyut is 240 kilometres long. Alstom will replace the existing electromechanical interlocking solution.

"We are very pleased to achieve this new project milestone which will ensure higher system availability and greater safety," said Raphael Bernardelli, MD North & Central Africa at Alstom.

Smartlock 400 is the latest evolution in Alstom’s Smartlock family and benefits from 30 years of worldwide return on experience. It is suited for all railway topologies with a centralised or distributed architecture and is applicable for both new and existing installations. The technology offers very high reliability and operational functionality, maximising safety and punctuality.

Alstom is present in Egypt with 380 employees and has been a partner of the country for more than 30 years, providing a broad range of solutions, from trains to infrastructure, signalling and services. The company’s involvement with the Cairo metro dates to the early 1980s.

About Alstom

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