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RATP Dev, ComfortDelGro Transit, and Alstom sign a partnership agreement to submit tenders for Grand Paris Express

RATP Dev, ComfortDelGro Transit, and Alstom today announced that they would form a consortium to submit tenders for the Grand Paris Express transport project. The three companies will create a joint venture* for that purpose, with RATP Dev as the majority shareholder.

As global players in the transport sector, RATP Dev, ComfortDelGro Transit, and Alstom have chosen to combine their strategic areas of expertise to offer the transport authority organising the project—Île-de-France Mobilités—and residents of the Île-de-France region integrated multimodal and intermodal transport solutions that meet the highest international standards for operation, maintenance, and service. This alliance marks the emergence of a player in the region with the broad spectrum of skills and experience needed to rise to the challenges of the Grand Paris Express, one of the largest transport projects in Europe. The consortium will submit tenders for the future metro lines 16 and 17.

Catherine Guillouard, Chairwoman of the RATP group stated: “The partnership signed by RATP Dev with transport players such as ComfortDelGro Transit and Alstom is a strategic coup for the RATP group. On a daily basis and all over the world, RATP Dev, under the leadership of Laurence Batlle, proves its ability to offer high-performance, safe, and innovative transport solutions to serve the cities and regions of today and tomorrow. This alliance with ComfortDelGro Transit and Alstom underscores a shared desire to help the Paris Greater Region develop its transport networks for the benefit of the local population and to bolster the city’s reputation around the world. This is a major undertaking, and I know that RATP Dev’s teams are ready for it and determined to make it a success.”

Describing the tie-up as “exciting”, **ComfortDelGro Managing Director/Group CEO, Yang Ban Seng, said:** “For a while now, we have been looking for a strong overseas rail operator to partner us in international rail projects. RATP Dev is widely acknowledged as being one of the very best out there

with a wealth of experience, operating not just in France, but in a host of other countries on 4 continents. Our experience, coupled with RATP Dev's and Alstom's experiences, ensures that we don't just bring a depth of experience to our bids, but breadth as well."

Jean-Baptiste Eyméoud, President Alstom France declared: "The partnership signed with RATP Dev and ComfortDelGro Transit allows Alstom to extend its maintenance know-how in France, in particular in metro maintenance that the Group has already developed in many capitals around the world. The complementarity of the respective expertise of RATP Dev, Comfort DelGro Transit and Alstom will make it possible to offer a competitive and quality offer to the Île-de-France Region and to future Grand Paris Express travelers."

* naturally, the joint venture is subject to the requisite administrative authorisations.

About the Grand Paris Express metro lines 16 and 17

Line 16 will be fully automated and will travel 29 kilometres across three administrative departments in eastern Île-de-France. It will benefit 800,000 residents whose existing public transport options are limited. Linking 10 stations from Saint-Denis Pleyel to Clichy-Montfermeil in 27 minutes, it will also serve several host sites of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Line 16 is expected to carry 200,000 passengers per day.

Line 17 will be driverless too, and will follow a 27 km route. It will constitute a major new transport corridor for the northern metropolitan area. Linking 9 stations, from Saint-Denis Pleyel to Mesnil-Amelot in 25 minutes, the line will benefit the nearly 565,000 residents of the three administrative departments it traverses. Line 17 is expected to carry between 130,000 and 160,000 passengers per day.

About RATP Dev

Founded in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 12 countries on four continents (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, China, the Philippines, and the United States of America). With more than 1.5 billion passengers travelling on its networks every year, RATP Dev demonstrates every day its extensive and renowned expertise in a wide range of mobility services, ranging from rail, regional express rail, tramway, to bus, cable car and sightseeing activities.

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About ComfortDelGro Transit

ComfortDelGro Transit is a member of the ComfortDelGro Group which is one of the biggest land transport companies in the world. Headquartered in Singapore, the ComfortDelGro Group has operations in seven countries (United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and China) across 68 locations. Its businesses include rail, bus, taxi, car rental and leasing,

automotive engineering services, inspection and testing services, driving centres, non-emergency patient transport services, insurance broking services and outdoor advertising. With a total fleet size of over 41,600 vehicles, it also runs 83km of light and heavy rail networks in Singapore. For more information, visit www.comfortdelgro.com

About Alstom

Leading the way to greener and smarter mobility worldwide, Alstom develops and markets integrated systems that provide the sustainable foundations for the future of transportation. Alstom offers a complete range of equipment and services, from high-speed trains, metros, trams and e-buses to integrated systems, customised services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility solutions. Alstom recorded sales of €8.2 billion and booked orders of €9.9 billion in the 2019/20 fiscal year. Headquartered in France, Alstom is present in over 60 countries and employs 38,900 people. For more information, visit www.alstom.com

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