

Alstom and the Iraqi Ministry of Transport sign a Letter of Intent for the implementation of the Baghdad Elevated Train

20 October 2020 – An Alstom-led Consortium, together with its partner Hyundai Engineering & Construction, have signed a Letter of Intent with the Iraqi Ministry of Transport to define a framework for all the appropriate steps to accelerate the implementation of the Baghdad Elevated Train (BET). The Letter of Intent was signed during the Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al Kadhimi's official visit to Paris. The signing ceremony was held in Matignon, the office of the French Prime Minister, in the presence of Jean Castex, the French Prime Minister and Mustafa Al Kadhimi, the Iraqi Prime Minister.

The Baghdad Elevated Train Project is a 20 km elevated metro in Baghdad with 14 stations, and includes the supply of rolling stock, electromechanical systems, tracks, as well as associated civil works.

The light rail system would link Al-Khadumia, AlEtafia, Alsarafia bridge Al-Mustansiriya, Wazyria and AlShab over 16km, and AlEtafia AlMuthana airport to Al-Alawi over 4km.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Baghdad Elevated Train will boost the Iraqi Economy thanks to the creation of thousands of direct and indirect jobs
- BET connects Al Kadimiya city and Al Allawi Area to Al Shaab city in 23 min by passing Al Sarafiya Bridge and Al Sader City
- The projected line is 20 km long and has 14 stations

"We are extremely delighted to sign the Letter of Intent and develop our cooperation with the Republic of Iraq. We believe that with this important project together with the Iraqi government we will implement our latest innovative technologies to improve the mobility environment in Baghdad and reduce the current traffic congestion", said Müslüm Yakisan, Senior Vice President for the Africa, Middle-East and Central Asia region at Alstom.

Alstom's metros are world-leading, proven, safe and reliable trains that serve many of the world's great cities, including Amsterdam, Barcelona, London, Paris and Singapore. Alstom has more than 65 years' experience in the production of metros, having sold over 17,000 metro cars that operate in 55 cities around the world and carry 30 million passengers every day.

Alstom is already well established in the Africa, Middle East & Central Asia region with nearly 5,000 employees, 2,240 suppliers and present in more than 15 countries in the region with offices and manufacturing plants in Algeria, Morocco, South Africa and Kazakhstan. As well as delivering the Dubai tramway, the first fully integrated tramway system in the Middle East and the world's first 100% catenary-free line, which was opened in November 2014, the company has been tasked with the maintenance of Dubai Tram for a period of 13 years. The Alstom-led Consortium, ExpoLink, is also responsible for delivering the world's fastest-built turnkey driverless metro project, Dubai Route 2020 Metro, which was inaugurated in June 2020. In Saudi Arabia, Alstom, as part of FAST consortium, is supplying a fully integrated metro system for lines 4, 5 and 6, which includes 69 Metropolis-based Riyadh Metro trains, Urbalis signalling system, Hesop energy recovery station and tracks.

About Alstom

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