

The Alstom – Cosider Travaux Publics consortium carries out the first dynamic test of the Constantine tram in Algeria



23 January 2021 – Alstom, with its partner Cosider Travaux Publics, has successfully carried out the first dynamic test on phase two of the extension of the Constantine tramway line.

This 3.4 km-long extension will link the entrance of the new city of Ali Mendjeli to the terminal station of Université 2 de Constantine Abdelhamid Mehri.

During the test phase, Alstom's tram ran for approximately 1km from Université Abdelhamid Mehri station to Ennasr station, at a speed of 5km/h.

This dynamic test, which represents the last stage before entry into commercial service of the entire line, was conducted in the presence of the Wali delegate of the city of Ali Mendjeli, the Director of Transport of the wilaya, the Senior Management of EMA and representatives of Alstom Algeria, as well as representatives of Cosider Travaux Publics.

EMA (Entreprise du Métro d'Alger) awarded the turnkey project for the Constantine tramway line extension, 10.3 km long in total, to the consortium consisting of Alstom (consortium leader) and Cosider Travaux Publics in July 2015.

The first phase of this extension, 6.9 km long, has already been in operation since 2019. It connects Zouaghi station to the entrance of the new city of Ali Mendjeli.

The second 3.4 km phase will serve Kadri Brahim station to the terminus of Abdelhamid Mehri Constantine 2 University. It consists of 6 passenger stations equipped with 8 ticket counters, as well as 3 electrical substations, 2 tram access routes and 1 viaduct.

"The Constantine tram is a major project for Alstom Algeria. We are proud to lead the consortium, which is putting all its expertise to work to satisfy the ambition and objectives of our customer EMA. We remain fully mobilised and attentive to the needs of Constantine's passengers, while offering them sustainable mobility solutions" said Amar Chouaki, Managing Director of Alstom Algeria.

As part of this project, Alstom, as leader of the consortium, is providing the telecoms, signalling, traction energy, ticketing and track systems, including the catenary.

Present in Algeria for more than 30 years, with its 250 employees, Alstom has always supported the development of the local railway infrastructure and industry, and more particularly the tram market (several trams are already in service in Algiers, Oran, Constantine, Ouargla, Sétif and Sidi Bel Abbès). In addition, Alstom has always viewed the development of its industrial and engineering activities in the country as a strategic priority, in particular technology transfer and local skills development. Through its joint venture Cital, Alstom is meeting the country's growing mobility needs, in particular its need for tramway systems, to continue to support the development of Algerian cities.

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