

Alstom to produce locomotive car body shells in South Africa

- 105 jobs and local expertise saved following acquisition

Johannesburg, 13 September 2022 – Alstom has expanded its manufacturing capabilities in South Africa through the acquisition of assets for the manufacturing of car body shells from TMH Africa. Alstom sourced car body shells for its electric TRAXX locomotive project with Transnet before the company filed for business rescue.

Through this acquisition, Alstom welcomed all 105 employees and retained the expertise in the country. The local manufacturing of car body shells represents a key milestone as Alstom grows its portfolio of products and expands its geographic footprint in Southern Africa.

“We are pleased to diversify our manufacturing capability and continue to offer great value to our customers. Retaining the skills and knowledge to produce locomotive car body shells locally, is in line with our long-term growth strategy to introduce much needed state-of-the-art freight solutions to the rest of the Southern Africa market. Alstom has more than 150 years’ experience in locomotive design and manufacturing. Our locomotive portfolio is the broadest in the industry and covers most electric and hybrid markets worldwide,” said Bernard Peille, Managing Director of Alstom Southern Africa.

Alstom in South Africa

Alstom is a long-term partner to Southern Africa, contributing to the rail industry revitalization by providing transport solutions adapted to local needs and contributing to the local economy through localization of its activities. Alstom’s strategy is illustrated by investments and acquisitions done in the country. Alstom is the majority shareholder of four major joint ventures in South Africa: Alstom Ubunye, Gibela Rail, Bombardier Transportation SA and Bombela Maintenance. South Africa could thus become a real railway leader for the whole African continent.

Photo captions:

Alstom SA_1 jpeg: Employees ready to restart production of car body shells for TRAXX locomotives

Alstom SA_2 jpeg: Employees excited to join Alstom Southern Africa

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