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Alstom to supply Melbourne with 18 X'Trapolis suburban trains

Alstom Transport has been awarded a contract worth 160 million euros to supply the State of Victoria in southeast Australia with X'Trapolis suburban trains for the City of Melbourne's metropolitan network. The contract is for 18 X'Trapolis six-car trainsets, which are scheduled for delivery from late 2009. Alstom has previously supplied 58 X'Trapolis to this network, which have proved to be a highly reliable solution since entering operation in 2002.

The X'Trapolis suburban trains operating on Melbourne's network offer exceptional capacity (up to 30,000 passengers an hour in each direction) and three doors per car to facilitate passenger flows during peak schedules. Wide intercarriage access also enhances movement within the trains, which are equipped with air-conditioning, priority seating for the elderly, and easy access for wheelchair users. X'Trapolis trains provide users with greater visibility and space, giving additional comfort and the feeling of security. The new trains will further benefit from a modernised passenger information system (automatic announcement of stations) and security cameras.

This new contract underlines the trust placed in Alstom's products by the State of Victoria. It also enables Alstom to strengthen its presence in Australia. Alstom has also supplied Melbourne with 36 Citadis trams, which have been in service since 2001.

Thanks to its experience in regional transport, which spans more than 30 years, Alstom's range of regional and suburban trains provides solutions to crowded urban and motorway networks and the rapid growth of suburban developments, while contributing to economic regional growth and environmental protection. With its X'Trapolis and Coradia ranges, Alstom now offers operators and users trains that are perfectly adapted to their needs and requirements: comfortable, spacious, reliable and available, Alstom's regional trains are easy to maintain and environmentally friendly. Alstom has already built more than 3,000 regional trains, which have covered more than 4 billion kilometres.

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