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Siemens-led consortium to build the first metro line in Algiers – Total order worth EUR 380 million

The first metro line in Algiers, Algeria, is to be built under the leadership of Siemens Transportation Systems France. The Siemens-led consortium includes the two companies Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles S.A. (CAF) and Vinci Construction. The metro operator Entreprise Métro d'Alger (EMA) has given the consortium the order to construct the first section of Line 1 for a total value of EUR 380 million. The Siemens share amounts to approximately EUR 145 million.

As consortium leader Siemens Transportation Systems France is responsible for the overall project management, the control and signaling systems, telecommunications, power supply, ticketing, tracks and control center equipment. The Spanish company CAF will supply the 14 metro trains, each of which consisting of six cars. The French company Vinci Construction Grand Projets will build the metro stations, install the tunnel ventilation and erect the administration building and depot.

The first section of the metro line in Algiers will run mainly underground, will be nine kilometers long and will have ten stops. Extensions are already being planned.

“This project enables Siemens to strengthen its position as leading supplier of mass transit systems, particularly in the fields of automation and signaling. Together with our consortium partners, we shall meet the expectations and the needs of the inhabitants of Algiers by providing them with a fast and reliable means of transportation,” says Philippe Carli, President of Siemens France.

The metro order for Algiers underscores Siemens' competence in the field of complex turnkey projects. So far, our presence in Algeria has been demonstrated above all in the areas of power supply, medical engineering and telecommunications. Siemens Transportation Systems last received an order from the Algerian State Railways in 2004 calling for the supply of interlockings.

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