

Line 1 of the Abidjan Metro

Construction works are launched with the signature of a new amendment to the contract

On December 19, 2022, the Société des Transports Abidjanais sur Rail (STAR), a consortium of companies made up of Bouygues Travaux Publics (project leader), Colas Rail, Alstom and Keolis, signed a new amendment to the contract for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of Line 1 of the Abidjan Metro with the government of Côte d'Ivoire, represented by Amadou Koné, Minister of Transport, Adama Coulibaly, Minister of Economy and Finance, and Moussa Sanogo, Minister of the Budget and State Portfolio. Patrick Achi, Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire, and Bruno Le Maire, the French Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty, attended the ceremony.

This signature marks a new stage in the project, with the closing of the financing phase and the contract coming into force. This ambitious mobility project is designed to support the economic and demographic growth of the country's capital. Capable of carrying more than 500,000 passengers per day, this open-air metro, the most ambitious mass transit project in sub-Saharan Africa, will improve traffic flows and relieve congestion in Abidjan.

The 37-kilometre route will follow a natural communication corridor from the north (Anyama Centre

Station) to the south (Airport Station) of the Ivorian capital. Major elements of the project include the construction of 18 stations, 24 bridges, one viaduct over the lagoon, 34 pedestrian bridges and eight underground passages.

The signing of the contract launches a 66-month construction period, at the end of which the metro will enter commercial service. The Côte d'Ivoire authorities have chosen a consortium of leading French companies. The construction of the infrastructure will be carried out by Bouygues Travaux Publics. Colas Rail will be responsible for the track, electrification (catenaries and electrical substations), ticketing systems and part of the low-voltage systems, and it will participate in system integration. Alstom will develop the rolling stock (20 five-car trains), equipped with a state-of-the-art CBTC (Communication-Based Train Control) system, and will also be involved in system integration. Finally, operation and maintenance of the metro network has been assigned to the Keolis group.

The contract is worth €1.77 billion.

CONSTRUCTION CONSORTIUM INFRASTRUCTURE



Bouygues Travaux Publics, a subsidiary of Bouygues Construction, is the project leader, with responsibility for managing the consortium and for the civil engineering. As an expert in complex and high value-added projects, the company is recognised as one of the key players in regional development and in the construction of sustainable infrastructure. The projects it has completed include the Cairo underground in Egypt, the Gautrain rail link in South Africa and the third Abidjan bridge in Côte d'Ivoire.

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TRACKS, ELECTRIFICATION AND SYSTEMS



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OPERATION – MAINTENANCE



Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Cykleo, EFFIA, Hove, Keolis Santé, Kisio and support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, on-demand transport, transport for people with reduced mobility, driver and sea shuttle services, bikes share services and long-term rental, car sharing and fully electric driverless shuttles. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund) and employs 68,000 people in 13 countries. In 2021, it posted revenue of €6.3 billion.

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