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Siemens successfully completes the first trial run of the Algiers metro

Leading Algerian government ministers also on board

At the beginning of April 2009, the first train of the Algiers metro successfully completed its trial run on a newly finished section of the line. Also on board were Amar Tou, Minister of Transport, Yazid Zerhouni, Minister of the Interior, and Chakib Khalil, Minister of Energy and Mines and the President of OPEC. The first metro line in Algeria is currently being built by a consortium led by Siemens Mobility. The other members of the consortium are Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles S.A. (CAF), Spain, and Vinci Construction Grands Projets, France.

A metro train departed from the workshop/garage area in Bach Djerah and traveled over the first section of the new line, passing through the Hai el Badr, Cité Mer et Soleil and Cité Amirouche stations before arriving at the Les Fusiliers station in the city center. Line 1 of the Algiers metro is nine kilometers long and includes ten stations. On completion of the work, 14 trains of six cars each are scheduled to travel daily at an average commercial speed of 33 km/h. The metro will be in service 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

The next milestone scheduled for this summer will be to run the metro over the entire line from Hai el Badr station to Tafourha Grande Poste station.

Siemens is responsible for the signaling, telecommunications, electrification, rails, ticket dispensing systems and the operations control center, referred to as the Centralized Command/Control Station. The line and the trains have been equipped with Trainguard MT CBTC, an automatic train control system from Siemens that is also being used for the metro systems in Paris, New York, Barcelona, Budapest, São Paulo and Helsinki. As leader of the consortium, Siemens is in charge of overall coordination and management of the project. The Spanish company, CAF, is supplying the metro trains. The French company, Vinci Construction Grand Projets, is building the stations, installing the tunnel ventilators and erecting the administration building and the depot.

The metro operator, Entreprise Métro d'Alger (EMA), had awarded the consortium the contract to build the first section of Line 1 in January 2006. The overall contract is worth EUR 380 million, with Siemens' share being around EUR 145 million.



Front row 4th from left: Transport Minister Tou; 5th from left: Interior Minister Zerhouni; 7th from left: OPEC President Khalil

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