

Transdev partners with Saint-Etienne Métropole for the commissioning of the T3 light rail line extension

Issy-Les-Moulineaux (France) – November 18, 2019 – With the inauguration of the extended Saint-Etienne Métropole T3 light rail line on Saturday, November 16, Transdev confirms its world leadership in the operation of 24 light rail networks in 10 countries.

Transdev, a long-standing partner of Saint-Etienne Métropole through its STAS network, which has been present in the region since 2000, is very happy and proud to support the local authority in its ambition to place mobility and energy transition at the heart of its priorities. The metropolis of Saint-Etienne remains the only territory in France to have maintained the operation of its light rail over the centuries, since it was put into service in December 1881; the last development was the creation of the T2 line in 2006.

This 4.3 kilometer extension of the light rail's T3 line, linking Châteaureux station to Roger Rocher station, includes eight stops, six of which are new, and extends the light rail network to the north of the Saint-Etienne metropolis. The light rail is part of an overall urban development strategy for the north-eastern sector of the urban area with the aim of making the area more attractive.

With the extension of the T3 line, the service to Saint-Étienne's three main multimodal transport hubs (La Terrasse, Châteaureux and Bellevue) strengthens the network of "backbone" public transport at the scale of the Sud-Loire area. Accompanied by the creation or renovation of park and ride solutions easily accessible from the road network, the extension of the third light rail line also creates new possibilities for car-light rail intermodality.

"2019 is undoubtedly the year of the light rail for our Group, marked by several international successes and two new operations in France: Avignon and now Saint-Etienne. We have brought here all the expertise and know-how of our light rail teams, which are based in particular on our French experience in the cities of Avignon, Grenoble, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Reims and Rouen", explains Thierry Mallet, Chairman and CEO of Transdev Group.

As the historical player in the revival of light rail, Transdev is now the world leader in this environmentally friendly transportation mode. This leadership is based on a global support capacity for partner communities, from the early feasibility studies to the daily operation and maintenance of the network.

This year, Transdev won several contracts or renewals of light rail networks around the world, including:

- The operation and maintenance contract for the first phase of the future Parramatta light rail in Sydney (Australia);
- The renewal for 15 years of its contract to operate and maintain the Luas light rail in Dublin (Ireland);
- The commissioning of line 1 of the Avignon (France) light rail;
- The operation and maintenance contract for the future Hurontario light rail in Toronto (Canada);
- The commissioning in early December 2019 of the "CBD and South East" light rail in Sydney (Australia) will be the 25th light rail operated by Transdev worldwide.

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