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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CHOOSES BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION, ALSTOM AND RATP TO DEVELOP ITS RAILWAY SYSTEM

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Infrastructure Development Company Limited "NIDCO" ⁽¹⁾ have chosen the Trinitrain consortium ⁽²⁾, made up of Bouygues Construction, Alstom and RATP Développement, to design, build, operate and maintain an express train railway system on the island of Trinidad.

The project includes the construction of two express train lines with a total length of 105 kilometres (including approx. 20 kilometres of viaducts) and around ten stations. One line will link the capital Port of Spain to the south of the island (San Fernando), while the other will cross the island from east to west, from Port of Spain to Sangre Grande.

During the first phase of the contract, worth US\$70 million, the consortium will conduct preliminary design studies to finalise the route and the detailed specifications for the railway system selected. Following this pre-design phase, which is expected to last 20 months, the cost and scheduling of the project will be agreed with NIDCO.

Construction will then be managed by Bouygues Travaux Publics (a subsidiary of Bouygues Construction) for the civil engineering and Alstom Transport for the railway system and the supply of rolling stock over an estimated four-year period. RATP Développement will handle the operation and maintenance of the service for 15 years.

This project illustrates the operational and commercial partnership put in place since April 2006 by Bouygues Construction and Alstom to jointly develop and offer solutions that combine the expertise of the two groups: civil engineering and construction for Bouygues Construction and systems, equipment and services for power generation and rail transport for Alstom.

⁽¹⁾ The "National Infrastructure Development Company Limited" is a state enterprise created by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago with responsibility for the procurement and implementation of infrastructure projects.

⁽²⁾ The Trinitrain consortium is made up of the French companies Bouygues Travaux Publics (a subsidiary of Bouygues Construction), Alstom Transport and RATP Développement (a subsidiary of RATP). It will draw on the support of the following international partners: Covec, a subsidiary of CREC (China Railways Engineering Corporation, the leading construction company in China), Daynco, a Trinidad and Tobago-based construction company, and the Canadian engineering consulting firm Dessau.

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About Bouygues Construction

Bouygues Construction is a global leader with top-ranking positions in the building, civil works and electrical contracting/maintenance markets. It has extensive expertise in the design and construction of transport infrastructure (Sydney CityRail airport link, rail link in South Africa). It also enjoys a strong presence in the Caribbean and is currently building a vast 150,000-sq.-metre property development programme in Trinidad and Tobago.

About Alstom Transport

A promoter of sustainable mobility, Alstom Transport develops and markets the most complete range of systems, equipment and services in the railway sector. Alstom Transport manages entire transport systems, taking in rolling stock, signalling and infrastructure, and offers "turnkey" solutions. In the 2006/2007 financial year, Alstom Transport's sales lifted the company to the number one position in the world transport market.

About RATP Développement

RATP Développement is a subsidiary of RATP, the main urban transport operator in Paris area which carries 10 million passengers daily with more than 300 km of subway and express rail, and a fleet of 4,000 buses. RATP Développement implements projects and operates all types of transport networks in France and abroad (Germany, Italy, South Africa, Algeria, Morocco, Brazil).