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Akiem and Alstom renew their commitment to the European rail system

Saint-Ouen, 6 June 2024 - Akiem, European leader in locomotive and passenger train leasing, and Alstom, global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, have built up a close relationship over the years, accompanying major advances in the European rail industry. A recent example of their close ties can be seen in a series of agreements and ambitious projects cementing both groups' position as leading players in their field.

In July 2023 Akiem announced a €500-million contract for the acquisition of 100 Traxx MS3 locomotives from Alstom, including firm orders for 75 units. In spring 2024 Akiem announced an agreement with Alstom giving it first-user rights to operate trial runs of three prototype Traxx MS3 locomotives. Today, 6th of June 2024, Akiem unveils the first prototype Traxx MS3 locomotive in its special *Rail beyond bounds* livery to its partners and customers, during the inauguration of Akiem's state-of-the-art rail maintenance centre at Ostricourt in north-east France. Fabien Rochefort, CEO of Akiem, and Kevin Cogo, Vice-President, Locomotives, Alstom, spoke at the launch event about the challenges the rail industry faces, specifically the modal shift to rail to help decarbonise European economies and the creation of a European rail system to boost efficiency in cross-border logistics.

"In a year that sees Akiem celebrate its 15th birthday, launching commercial operations of the new line-up of Traxx locomotives at our new Ostricourt maintenance facility signals a step change in our development in France and Europe. We are proud and delighted to be investing in this programme of 75 Traxx locomotives, and to deliver innovations in partnership with our customers to help improve performance and drive development of rail transport in France and Europe," commented Fabien Rochefort, CEO of Akiem.

"We are very proud that Akiem is expanding its fleet of locomotives with a framework agreement for 100 Traxx MS3 locomotives destined for operation in a large number of European countries. This framework agreement means Akiem and Alstom will further consolidate their respective positions in the locomotive market across a number of different European corridors, including in their home market," added Kevin Cogo, Vice-President, Locomotives, Alstom.

This acquisition is a strategic investment for Akiem, expanding its fleet with efficient, modern locomotives able to meet the varied needs of Europe's rail operators. The Traxx MS3 is offered in a wide variety of configurations to suit different overhead line voltages, signalling systems and traction requirements in each of the countries where they will operate. They also feature a last-

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mile option that simplifies end-of-journey terminal operations, a crucial feature for today's rail logistics services.

This means Akiem is the first to own locomotives able to operate the entire corridor linking Belgium to Italy and Austria, operating on both banks of the River Rhine via Switzerland, Germany and France. This new level of interoperability effectively removes technical barriers between rail networks, simplifying and optimising freight transport along one of the most important rail corridors in Europe and helping to create a sustainable European rail network. This strategic corridor, vital to European trade and passenger transport, is now served by modern locomotives that will further boost rail transport's competitiveness and efficiency.

About Akiem

Akiem is a leading European provider of services to rail operators, manufacturers, and local authorities. The company offers a fleet of 750 locomotives and 46 passenger vehicles as well as solutions covering the entire rolling stock value chain. Akiem has over 90 customers and is present in 22 European countries. The majority of its 400-plus staff members are based in France, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Italy, Hungary and the United Kingdom.

Akiem runs a comprehensive, certified Entity in Charge of Maintenance (ECM) industrial ecosystem built around a pan-European network of workshops and extensive stocks of spare parts for maintaining rolling stock provided to its customers.

Akiem is owned by CDPQ, a global investment group strongly committed to the development of low-carbon infrastructure.

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About Alstom

Alstom is committed to contributing to a low-carbon future by developing and promoting innovative and sustainable transportation solutions that people enjoy riding.

From high-speed trains, metros, monorails and trams, to turnkey systems, services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility, Alstom offers its diverse customers the broadest portfolio in the industry. With its presence in 64 countries and a talent base of over 84,700 people from 184 nationalities, it focuses its design, innovation and project management skills to where mobility solutions are needed most. Listed in France, Alstom generated revenue of €17.6 billion for the fiscal year ending on 31 March 2024.

Its workforce of around 12,000 employees in France provides a pool of expertise to serve French and international clients. Alstom generates approximately further 30,000 jobs in France at its 4,500 French suppliers.

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