



CAF SELECTED AS PREFERRED BIDDER FOR THE LIÈGE TRAMWAY

Please find attached the press release issued by the Walonia Public Transport Operator (TEC) pertaining to the selection of the Tram D'Arden consortium (made by CAF, Colas and DIF) as preferred bidder for the Liège tram.

CAF's scope in this project comprises the supply of 20 trams, signaling, telecommunications and power systems in addition to a share in the system maintenance operations.

This project consolidates further CAF's operations in the Benelux railway market, and particularly in the Belgian rolling stock market. Worthy of note are also the important contracts won by CAF in this region in the last three years, such as the supply of Metro Units for Brussels, Metro and Tram Units for Amsterdam, as well as the Trams supplied in Luxembourg and for the Flemish Transportation Company, De Lijn.

What is more, CAF is already in the process of making deliveries for the Dutch NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen) operator, in the project for the manufacturing of 120 commuter trains based on the Civity platform.

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Liège Tramway: on the way to being awarded to Tram'Ardent

Wednesday, 19 September 2018 - The evaluation of the Best and Final Offers received in May 2018 has now been completed. **The OTW Board of Directors has authorised its CEO to undertake all the action necessary to further the procedure to award this business, right up to the award decision, which must be taken by the Board of Directors. The conclusions of the final negotiations are to be submitted to the Board of Directors before going to the Walloon Government. The Wallonia Transport Authority (OTW) has therefore been able to name the Preferred Tenderer: Tram'Ardent.**

The Tram'Ardent consortium comprises companies from the Colas group, namely Colas Belgium and Colas Rail Belgium, the Spanish rolling stock manufacturer, CAF, and the finance company, DIF. Tram'Ardent has a strong local base, thanks to the presence of the Colas Belgium subsidiaries, partnerships with local businesses and the CAF group's desire to permanently establish a subsidiary in the region.

The Tram'Ardent consortium therefore consists of:

Civil Engineering :

- **Colas Belgium**, Brussels, Belgium ;
- **Colas Rail Belgium SA**, Enghien, Belgium ;
- **Colas Nord-Est SAS**, Nancy, France ;
- **Colas Projects SASU**, Paris, France.

Builder :

- **Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles S.A. (CAF)**, Beasain, Spain.

Finance companies :

- **CAF Investment Projects S.A. (CAFIP)**, Beasain, Spain ;
- **DIF Participations 1 Luxembourg Sarl**, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

Background:

In 2016, the Société Régionale Wallonne du Transport (Walloon Regional Transport Company - SRWT) launched a public procurement procedure within the framework of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Contract for the « Restructuring and modernisation of the urban public transport network of Liège – Development of a tramway line ». Three candidates were selected, namely:

- **ALSTOM TRANSPORT BV – BAM PPP PGGM (MOBILIÈGE 2.0)**
- **CAF – COLAS – DIF (TRAM'ARDENT)**
- **SKODA – VINCI – CFE – MERIDIAM**

In July 2017, the **SKODA – VINCI – CFE – MERIDIAM** consortium decided to withdraw from the tender. Therefore, two consortia submitted an initial tender on 28 September 2017.

Following the evaluation of the tenders, the Société Régionale Wallonne du Transport (SRWT) took the decision to allow the following consortia to continue the procedure:

- **MOBILIÈGE 2.0**

and

- **TRAM'ARDENT**

These two consortia were invited to take part in a negotiations phase, then to submit a best and final offer within the month of May 2018. The Wallonia Transport Authority (OTW) set itself the target of awarding and signing the contract before the end of 2018 and the commissioning of the tram line for the second semester of 2022.

As a reminder, the public business is organised under the form of a public-private partnership (PPP) of the DBFM type « Design, Build, Finance, Maintain ».

The candidate awarded the business will have the following task:

- The construction of an electrified network between Sclessin and Coronmeuse, including the complementary systems such as junctions;
- the provision of rolling stock;
- the creation and management of the maintenance and storage centre at Bressoux, to house idle trains and for maintenance activities. The central control station shall also be located there;
- the integration of the ticketing equipment of the TEC ("Transport En Commun" public transport);
- planning of the urban areas related to the line, representing 240,000 m² of the full length of the route and favouring sustainable mobility;
- maintenance for the term of the contract.

The operation of the line is the responsibility of the Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie (OTW)

The tram, the central link for a new mobility proposal for Liège

The tramway will therefore serve 21 stations distributed along an 11.7 km route, of which 90% will be "dedicated", in other words not sharing the space with cars. The tramway will also end in the multi-modal triangle formed by the railway and TGV (high-speed train) Guillemins station, the tram station and the TEC bus station.

The Liège tramway, with some twenty trains, will be a true transport backbone, connected to park and ride facilities for almost 900 spaces, the historical centre and other local community areas, to the slow lanes and pedestrian ways. The complete bus service will be reorganised around this central link in order to provide customer mobility.

As a reminder, 30% of the Walloons travelling by bus, do so from the urban area of Liège. Moreover, the Liège-Verviers TEC (public transport) is also recording an annual increase in travel of 5 to 8%. The future train is in response to these saturated conditions. It will make it possible to transport more passengers, more quickly and at a greater rate, while being more cost-efficient and environmentally-friendly. Liège has unquestionably need for a structured network connected to the services, work areas and amenities, facilitating sustainable mobility.

The Walloon Minister for Mobility has been informed of the decision taken by the Opérateur de Transport de Wallonie (OTW) to select Tram'Arden as the Preferred Bidder and is pleased about this new stage reached. *« The construction of a tramway in Liège represents the arrival of a new form of transport and a better quality of life in the city! Beyond the reclassification of urban space, this new form of mobility will certainly be beneficial in terms of attractiveness, accessibility and air quality for the city and its inhabitants. Moreover, it is a large-scale example of the desire of the people of Walloon to improve the public transport offer, given the fact that the tramway will also involve reviewing all the bus lines in Liège and adapting them to the mobility of today and tomorrow».*