

Alstom presents the first tram of the Agglomeration Community of Grand Avignon

13 December 2018 – Alstom delivered the first Citadis X05 tram for Grand Avignon on Thursday 13 December after a three-day journey from La Rochelle, where the design and development of the trams is carried out. In total, Alstom will supply 14 trams to the agglomeration community of Grand Avignon, scheduled to enter commercial service in summer 2019.

"Alstom and its teams are proud to present this first tram which addresses the major transport issues of the Agglomeration Community of Grand Avignon. We always take great pleasure in showcasing the knowhow and technologies deployed by Alstom's men and women, for our customers in France and around the world," said Jean-Baptiste Eyméoud, President of Alstom in France.

24 metres long, equipped with four double doors on each side, the Citadis X05 tram for Grand Avignon will be able to carry more than 140 passengers. It benefits from 100% LED lights with diffusers for soft, homogenous lighting and large glass surfaces covering 40% of the tram. Citadis X05 has standardised, proven, more accessible components, providing residents of the Avignon area with reliable, readily available material. Citadis X05 is particularly energy efficient and up to 98% recyclable.

Seven of Alstom's twelve sites in France are involved in the design and manufacture of the tram for Grand Avignon: La Rochelle (for the design and assembly of the trams), Ornans (for the engines), Le Creusot (for the bogies), Tarbes (for the traction drives), Valenciennes (for the control system and interior layout), Saint-Ouen (for the design) and Villeurbanne (for the onboard electronic systems).

Alstom offers a wide range of products and services and is also providing the tracks (studies, supply and assembly), the 750 V electrical substation and 6 km of overhead contact lines (studies, supply, installation and testing) in partnership with TSO.

To date, more than 2,600 Citadis trams have been sold to more than 50 cities around the world, including 23 in France. The Citadis X05 trams have already been ordered by Nice (France), Sydney (Australia), Lusail (Qatar) and Caen (France).

About Alstom

As a promoter of sustainable mobility, Alstom develops and markets systems, equipment and services for the transport sector. Alstom offers a complete range of solutions (from high-speed trains to metros, tramways and e-buses), passenger solutions, customised services (maintenance, modernisation), infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility solutions. Alstom is a world leader in integrated transport systems. The company recorded sales of €7.3 billion and booked €7.2 billion of orders in the 2017/18 fiscal year. Headquartered in France, Alstom is present in over 60 countries and employs 34,500 people.

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