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## **SYSTRA SIGNS A MAJOR CONTRACT FOR MEDINA'S FUTURE METRO SYSTEM**

**It was in the presence of His Royal Highness, Prince Faisal Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Governor of Madinah province, and President of the Medina Development Commission, that Pierre Verzat, CEO of SYSTRA, signed a 81.9 million SAR contract (approximately €20 million) for preliminary designs for Medina's future metro system on behalf of a consortium led by SYSTRA.**

**Rethinking the entire public transport system for a city of 1.1 million that is due to grow to 2.6 million by 2040.**

Medina, Saudi Arabia's second largest city, attracts millions of pilgrims every year. The sizing and configuration of the city's public transport network is key to mobility.

As lead consultant of the Madinah Transit Consultants Consortium, SYSTRA is responsible for producing feasibility and preliminary design studies for the future metro network. This will include planning studies, preliminary designs and preparing technical design-build tender documents.

The project timetable is ambitious. SYSTRA will have only 12 months in which to complete this very challenging project for these mass transit lines. SYSTRA has unique experience in this kind of project thanks to its major involvement in the Mecca-Mashaer line and Lines B and C of the Mecca metro.

*"We will ensure that all the technical decisions we take in Medina focus on our customer's vision, just like for all our public transport solutions"* explained Pierre Verzat, CEO of SYSTRA. *"Medina's requirements are particularly demanding and this has energised our engineers and project managers".*

### **SYSTRA is involved in all the major public transport infrastructure projects in the Arabian Peninsula**

For over a decade, public transport authorities across the Arabian Peninsula have focused their urban developments around track-guided transport systems. A wide range of ambitious programmes are being introduced in Dubai, Riyadh, Jeddah and Doha.

SYSTRA has had a strong presence in the region since 2003 and has established a reputation for being the benchmark in public transport engineering. The Group employs around 550 people in the region.

SYSTRA designed the world's busiest metro line, in Mecca, which can transport 72 000 people an hour. The Group also designed and supervised construction of what is currently the world's longest automated metro in Dubai stretching an impressive 75 km.



The Group was won a number of projects since 2013 including project management and construction supervision contracts for three future metro lines in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the systems management and construction supervision contract for the Doha metro as well as the preliminary design contract for Jeddah's public transport system. This latest win confirms SYSTRA's leading position in integrating public transport solutions and understanding the needs of Arabian Peninsula.

#### Facts and Figures on the Medina project

- 3 lines (green, blue and red) operating services to the Medina Haram
- 94 km of track

#### About SYSTRA

SYSTRA, the world leader in public transport infrastructures, is an RATP and SNCF subsidiary, which specialises in Mass Transit and Rail. The Group's ambition is to continue to establish itself as the benchmark for collective, sustainable mobility.

SYSTRA reported revenues of €525 million in 2014 and employed 4 780 people worldwide. SYSTRA plans to recruit several thousand new employees over the next four years.

SYSTRA is currently present in 78 countries. SYSTRA has contributed to the construction of one out of two metros, the world over.

In France, SYSTRA is working on Lines 15, 16 and 17 of the Grand Paris Express transit project.

Internationally SYSTRA is working on the Line 6 of the Delhi metro and Line 16 of the Shanghai metro, which will be the world's longest elevated metro. SYSTRA is also involved in the construction of two new automated metro lines in Santiago (Chile), in automating 23 km of the rapid transit line between Epping and Chatswood in Australia.

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