

## Colas Rail, with Orascom Construction and Hitachi Rail, has been awarded a contract to renovate line 1 of Cairo metro



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**The consortium, comprising Colas Rail (leader), Orascom Construction and Hitachi Rail, has signed a contract with the Egyptian National Authority for Tunnels (NAT) to renovate line 1 of the Cairo underground system for a total of approximately 850 million euros, including 35% for Colas Rail.**

This line is the oldest in Egypt and is the backbone to the capital's urban transport system, currently carrying more than 1.5 million people every day. To meet the ever-increasing demand for mobility in Cairo, the authorities have decided to boost its transport capacity.

Colas Rail will work with Orascom to modernise the electric power supply, catenary and electromechanical systems in stations and tunnels and on the rail track. Hitachi Rail, for its part, will modernise the signalling, control and telecommunications infrastructures.

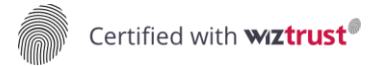
This work will be an impressive technical feat, as it will be carried out during the day while maintaining commercial operations on the line. The project is expected to start in October 2024 and will run for 64 months.

*“We are proud to have supported the National Authority for Tunnels over more than 40 years in the construction of reliable, low-carbon urban mobility infrastructure in Cairo and Alexandria. The modernisation of line 1, which Colas Rail helped to build in the 1980s, represents a new challenge. Over the next few years, many of the world's major cities will have to modernise their underground railway lines to keep pace with the growing demand for mobility among the population. Colas Rail will be there to support its customers and boost the regional economy,”* says Hervé Le Joliff, Chairman of Colas Rail.



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*“We are pleased to continue our successful collaboration with NAT and our long-term partners to modernize Egypt’s first metro line. Orascom Construction has established itself as a leading player in the construction of metro systems, starting with the Group’s first contract for Greater Cairo Metro in the 1980s, and most recently Line 4 and the new regional metro in Alexandria. Complementing this track record, this project for Line 1 marks the modernization of such transportation infrastructure and positions the Group to capitalize on expected future modernization projects,”* commented Osama Bishai, CEO of Orascom Construction.

*“Our consortium is delivering a truly innovative project to update Egypt’s oldest metro line while maintaining day to day commercial operations. Building on more than 40 years supporting the Cairo metro, we will deliver our modern, digital technology, enhancing signalling, control and telecommunication infrastructure on line 1. Our solution will enable greater safety, reliability and capacity on the line and deliver more seamless and sustainable journeys for passengers in Cairo,”* added Alessio Bencivenni, Head of Ground Transportation Systems for Egypt, Hitachi Rail.

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## **About Colas: ([www.colas.com](http://www.colas.com))**

Colas, a subsidiary of the Bouygues Group, has one mission: to imagine, build and maintain sustainable transport infrastructure. Backed by a network of 1000 construction business units and 3,000 material production units in more than 50 countries on five continents, the Group’s 65,000 employees act locally to connect communities and foster exchanges for today and tomorrow. Colas’ ambition is to be the world leader in innovative, sustainable mobility solutions.

In 2023, consolidated revenue at Colas totaled €16 billion (60% outside of France).

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## **About Orascom Construction:**

Orascom Construction PLC is a leading global engineering and construction contractor primarily focused on infrastructure, industrial and high-end commercial projects in the Middle East, Africa, and the United States. Orascom Construction also develops and invests in concessions, owns 50% of BESIX Group, and holds a building materials, facility management and equipment services portfolio. The Group has consistently ranked among the world’s top contractors and is dual listed in the UAE and Egypt.

Orascom Construction’s current and past projects in the transportation sector cover a wide range of state-of-the-art and sustainable transportation systems, and include major projects such as high-speed rail, metro, monorail, railway, and light rail transit across 3,800 km in Egypt and the Middle East.

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## **About Hitachi Rail:**

Hitachi Rail is committed to driving the sustainable mobility transition and has a clear focus on partnering with customers to rethink mobility. Its mission is to help every passenger, customer and community enjoy the benefits of more connected, seamless and sustainable transport. With revenues of over €7bn and 24,000 employees across more than 50 countries, Hitachi Rail is a trusted partner to the world’s best transport organisations. The company’s reach is global, but the business is local - with success built on developing local talent and investing in people and communities.

Its international capabilities and expertise span every part of the urban, mainline and freight rail ecosystems – from high quality manufacturing and maintenance of rolling stock to secure digital signalling, smart operations and payment systems.

Hitachi Rail, famous for Japan’s iconic high speed bullet train, draws on the digital and AI expertise of Hitachi Group companies to accelerate innovation and develop new technologies. Hitachi Group is present in 140 countries with over 270,000 employees and global revenues of €54.55bn / ¥8,564 bn.

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