

Alstom to equip 37 locomotives in the SNCB fleet with latest-generation ETCS signalling technology

- The contract, awarded to our Charleroi plant, also includes 10 years of maintenance
- The level 2 ETCS signalling system improves the performance and punctuality of trains

18 April 2023 – Alstom, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility solutions, has won a contract for the design, supply and maintenance (10 years) of level 2 ETCS (European Train Control System) signalling systems for 37 HLD77 locomotives in the Belgian rail operator SNCB’s fleet. The contract consolidates the partnership of trust between Alstom and SNCB.

Initially designed to harmonise cross-frontier rail traffic, ETCS improves the speed, punctuality and safety of trains. Level 2 ETCS is the optimum signalling solution for SNCB and other rail operators around the world, thanks especially to its flexible, scalable design. For the SNCB contract, the ETCS solution will integrate national functionalities (TBL1+) to enable trains to circulate on lines equipped with this system.

SNCB principally uses its HLD77 locomotives for shunting operations. The modernisation of this rolling stock will take place over the period 2023-2025.

“I’m delighted with this new order, which attests to the trust SNCB places in the products developed by Alstom. Under this new contract, Alstom will be equipping just over 800 coaches and locomotives in the national operator’s fleet while making the railways safer,” declares Bernard Belvaux, Managing Director of Alstom Benelux. “It’s also big news for Belgium, as the Charleroi plant will be in charge of the project. We continue to expand in Belgium, and we’re now looking to recruit 80 new employees for our engineering operations in Charleroi.”

The Alstom Group’s Charleroi plant is a global development centre, and under the new deal it will be responsible for engineering and supplying the on-board components of the signalling system. It will also provide maintenance for a 10-year period, including spare parts and repairs.

The award of this contract confirms Alstom’s leading position in the railway signalling systems market. In Europe, over 70% of trains equipped with a European-built ETCS use an Alstom system.

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Leading societies to a low carbon future, Alstom develops and markets mobility solutions that constitute sustainable foundations for the future of transportation. Alstom's product portfolio is the most exhaustive in the sector and includes high-speed trains, subways, monorails and trams, integrated systems, tailor-made services, infrastructure, signalling solutions and digital mobility solutions. The Group has some 150,000 vehicles in commercial operation throughout the world – evidence of its acknowledged expertise in project management, innovation, design and technology. In 2021, Alstom was ranked in the Dow Jones Sustainability World and Europe indices for the 11th consecutive year. Based in France and present in 70 countries, Alstom employs more than 74,000 people worldwide. The Group recorded revenue of €15.5 billion for the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

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In Belgium, Alstom employs 2100 people. The Group's activities are concentrated around two global development centres in Charleroi (signalling, powertrain and energy efficiency solutions), an assembly and maintenance plant in Bruges, and an overhaul facility in Fleurus.

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