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RATP AND ÎLE-DE-FRANCE MOBILITÉS AWARD CAF THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE RER A LINE MI2N TRAINS IN PARIS

RATP (Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens) and Île-de-France Mobilités have awarded CAF the project to refurbish 43 RER MI2N units, which were manufactured between 1995 and 2005. The project amounts to €121.3M and is encompassed in the renovation scheme for RER A trains currently being implemented by RATP and Île-de-France Mobilités. The first refurbished trains are scheduled to be commissioned for revenue service in 2020.

Île-de-France Mobilités, is the control and coordination authority for the various transport companies which operate on the public transport network in the Paris area and in the rest of the Île-de-France Region. RATP (La Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens) is the public company which manages the Metro Paris network and other city and intercity transport systems in Paris and the greater Paris metropolitan area; as well as part of the RER lines (Réseaux Express Régional, Commuter Trains in Paris).

Specifically, the transport network managed by RATP includes 115 km of the commuter trains network in Île-de-France (RER). The units which will be refurbished by CAF have been running on one of these lines, specifically on Line A.

The upgrade of these trains will guarantee consistency between the units operating on the line and will contribute to enhanced passenger comfort. The new design will provide new and modern interior furnishings (interior lining, flooring, upholstered passenger seats, LED lighting), and will also bestow units with new external aesthetics, in line with the current distinguishing livery of Île-de-France Mobilités.

All the trains will also feature video surveillance systems and passenger information screens, and will be equipped with a system to permit communication of persons with reduced mobility with the driver.

All in all, this affirms the consolidation of CAF's footprint in France, where the company has developed a good number of projects in recent years, significantly including the supply of trams for Nantes, Besançon and St.Etienne, as well as the refurbishment of the Lyon metro line D train fleet, and the supply of dual electrical locomotives which CAF is currently manufacturing at the company's plant located in the French commune of Bagnères de Bigorre (Hautes-Pyrénées).