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## **CAF TO SUPPLY 18 UNITS FOR THE QUITO METRO**

Today's signing of the Credit Agreement between Instituto de Crédito Oficial (ICO) representing the Government of Spain and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Ecuador marks the formalisation of Spanish funding for the purchase of rolling stock, auxiliary vehicles, workshop tools and equipment, and the batch of spare parts for the first Quito metro line.

This signing signifies the implementation of the contract that the Metropolitan Municipality of Quito awarded CAF, for an approximate value of 183 million dollars, and comprises the supply of 18 six-car trains. These units will operate on Quito Metro's first line which will run south to north across the city from Quitumbe to El Labrador.

Quito, the capital of the republic of Ecuador is the second most populated city in the country with approximately 2.5 million inhabitants. Line 1 is scheduled for inauguration in 2019. It will have 15 stations along the 23 km route and will bring a major mobility improvement to the city, with an estimated transit of 400K pax. a day.

These are vehicles designed for mass transit under maximum quality and safety standards. They will run at a maximum speed of 100 km/h powered from the 1500VDC catenary supply.

Each unit has the capacity to transport an extensive number of passengers. Gangway aisles are spacious and there are specific areas for Persons with Reduced Mobility. Trains will exceed 109 metres long, which combines with four access doors per car side to ensure a streamlined flow of passengers at the line stations.

The award underpins CAF's position in the American continent, especially in the metro vehicle sector, with projects already completed in Washington, Mexico D.F., Medellín, São Paulo, Caracas and Santiago de Chile.