

CAF AWARDED ANOTHER RAIL PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA

Transport for New South Wales has awarded Momentum Trains consortium comprised of CAF, Pacific Partnership and DIF Infrastructure V, an availability based public private partnership contract to supply and maintain for 15 years the new regional train fleet for New South Wales (NSW).

CAF's scope in this contract exceeds €500M and comprises of the supply of 29 regional diesel electric units, two simulators and the construction and fit out of a new maintenance facility in Dubbo, north-west of Sydney. In addition, CAF is also providing equity financing and the first units expected to be commissioned for revenue service in 2022.

With a population of over 7 million, New South Wales is one of the six states of Australia and Sydney is its capital city. With this project the NSW government sets out to replace the old regional train fleet with new trains to improve passenger safety and comfort for regional and intercity rail services to the cities of Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane.

Late last year, the same transport authority awarded CAF, as part of the Great River City Rail Light Consortium, the contract to supply, operate and maintain for an initial term of eight years thirteen URBOS 100 LRVs, maintenance facilities and systems for the Parramatta light rail line.

CAF has successfully implemented other projects in the past for Transport for New South Wales as well, such as the supply of twelve URBOS 100 LRVs and their maintenance for the Inner West line in Sydney, and the supply of 6 URBOS 100 LRVs fitted with CAF's Greentech Freedrive system which will be the first entirely catenary-free light rail line in Australia when operation commence in February 2019.

CAF's long track record in Australia, with a local subsidiary set up in 2010, includes the contract signed in 2016, as part of the Canberra Metro Consortium for the supply of 14 URBOS 100 LRVs and their maintenance for a term of 20 years for the Canberra Metro light rail line.