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CAF TO SUPPLY 30 LRVs TO MANILA (THE PHILIPPINES)

The Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation and Communications has awarded Mitsubishi Corporation and CAF (as train manufacturer) a new rolling stock supply contract for Manila Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line-1. The €225 million worth contract is funded through a Japanese ODA Loan Agreement subscribed by the governments of Japan and the Philippines.

Manila, the capital of the Philippines is considered one of the cities with highest population density in the world. This project aims to improve the line capacity, contributing to cater for the growing number of passengers, improving service quality as well as helping to reduce pollution levels in the city.

LRT Line-1, elevated track line which covers 20Km in length and crosses Manila from north to south. The line is currently being extended with a further 12Km section towards the Cavite Province. CAF's scope includes the manufacture of 30 LRV-type units to be delivered within the 2020 - 2022 period.

These units will be bi-directional trains with catenary power supply (750 Vdc) and sixteen doors on each side, which will provide access for passengers to board and exit the train comfortably. The units, designed to run at a design speed of 70km/h, will have a length of 106m and offer a 276-seat layout which will in turn maximise capacity for standing passengers.

It is worth mentioning the relationship between CAF and Mitsubishi Corporation has led to the development of several joint projects in recent years. Some of these joint projects include the supply of automatic underground units for Istanbul (Turkey) and trams for Canberra (Australia).

This is the first contract awarded to CAF in the Philippines and confirms the company's expectations of securing a significant order volume during the second semester of 2017. During this period, as well as this contract in Manila, CAF has won other contracts to be added the company's backlog of orders which include the supply of trams for Stockholm, De Lijn, Consenza, Seattle and Kansas; metro units for Alger; and trains for the UK and New Zealand.

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On the other hand, CAF has entered into a contract with Naples City Council for the supply of 10 units of 6 cars for Line 1 of the city underground to be delivered during 2019.

This project award was provisionally announced in mid 2016 for an approximate amount of €90 million and envisages an extension of the original scope of supply with 10 additional trains.

CAF has a strong presence in Italy and has carried out the following projects, among others: Rome Metro; the supply of commuter units for Bari and the north region of Friuli Venezia Giulia which will also cover the link of the Transalpine region with Austria and Slovenia; the supply of diesel trains for Sardinia regional lines; as well as retrofitting E-401 Locomotives for Trenitalia.