

## UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss visits Alstom Derby to mark major milestone in Cairo Monorail project

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- First of 70 units completed on time at Alstom's Derby, UK factory

**25 June 2021** – UK International Trade Secretary, Rt. Hon Liz Truss MP, today visited Alstom's Derby facility, to mark a major milestone in the Alstom-led Cairo Monorail project. The first Alstom Innovia™ 300 monorail for the project has been completed on time at Alstom's Derby, UK factory and is now bound for Cairo. The dispatch of the first 4 of 280 fully automated, driverless cars is a major milestone in the Cairo Monorail project which will deliver Egypt's first two monorail lines, linking New Capital City and 6<sup>th</sup> of October City to the Greater Cairo area.

In August 2019, an Alstom-led consortium also involving Orascom Construction and Arab Contractors signed a €2.7bn contract to design, construct, operate, and maintain the two lines. The project includes a 54km line connecting the New Administrative City with East Cairo and a second 42km line connecting 6th of October City with Giza.

Both lines are expected to open in 2023. After the construction phase is completed, the Alstom-led consortium will provide 30 years of operation and maintenance (O&M) services for both lines. The export of the cars from Derby, the UK's largest train-building factory, is the first UK rolling stock export since the Gautrain project in South Africa, which was completed in 2008.

"We are delighted with the progress on this landmark project for Egypt. Thanks to great teamwork and dedication, we have shipped the first Innovia monorail unit earlier than expected. We are committed to meeting our customers' expectations and pursuing our long-term partnership with Egypt's National Authorities of Tunnels. We strive to provide the country with state-of-the-art mobility solutions." said Andrew DeLeone, President, Alstom Africa, Middle East & Central Asia.

"UK Export Finance has led the way in delivering innovative finance to help British companies achieve international success in a wide range of industries across the world and it's great to see Alstom Derby's export project come to fruition. Our free trade agreements will open up new opportunities for UK manufacturers around the world" said Rt Hon Liz Truss MP, International Trade Secretary.

Egypt is committed to improve mobility for its citizens, while reducing traffic congestion and environmental impacts. Designed to integrate seamlessly into the urban environment, Alstom's fully automated and driverless Innovia monorail systems provide an energy-efficient, comfortable and cost-effective mobility solution, particularly for growing or dense cities. The modern looking and quiet vehicles run on elevated guideways that are built off-site to permit fast assembly with minimal disruption on-site. Alstom offers 30 years of expertise in successful monorail design, build, operations and maintenance, with industry-leading availability and safety standards. The two Cairo lines will each be able to transport 45,000 passengers per hour in each direction when complete.

The Alstom-led consortium is able to deliver the project because of £1.7 billion backing from UK Export Finance (UKEF), the largest amount of financing it has ever provided for an overseas infrastructure project.

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