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The city of Sétif opens its first tram line

Sétif, 8 May 2018 - SETRAM, an Algerian joint-venture between the Transtev group, EMA and RATP Dev, has launched Sétif’s first tram line.

This first tram line, 14.5 passenger-kilometres in length, has a fork on the western side of the city which divides the line into two tracks, each with three stations.

The tram serves 26 stations linking residential districts, the city centre and key hubs in the city, benefiting the highest possible number of Sétif’s inhabitants.

This new tram line is the latest addition to existing networks operated by SETRAM in Algiers, Oran, Constantine, Sidi Bel Abbès and, very recently, Ouargla. The completion of this project is further proof of SETRAM’s commitment to supporting Algeria’s transition to a new mode of urban transport that is accessible to all, and to offering a new transport service that is safe, reliable and high quality.

“It is a great source of pride for RATP Dev to launch Sétif’s first tram line and to support the Algerian authorities in their efforts to develop a high-performance, innovative and sustainable transport network. As with all the other tram and metro networks that we operate in Algeria, our people are fully committed to providing the highest quality of service possible for passengers,” said Laurence Batlle, President of the RATP Dev Executive Board.

SETRAM in figures

- 43.2 million passengers transported in 2017
- 87 kilometres of lines
- 143 stations
- 3,277 employees, of whom 3,264 are local

RATP Dev in Algeria: an active presence

In 2007, RATP Dev, via its subsidiary RATP El Djazair, was awarded the contract to roll-out, operate and maintain the first metro line in Algiers by EMA (Entreprise Métro d’Alger). Algiers was the first city in North Africa to gain a metro service. Along with the Cairo metro, it is the only heavy metro on the whole of the African continent.
Buoyed by its successful operation of the metro, RATP Dev works with the Algerian authorities on their tram projects via SETRAM (Société d’Exploitation des Tramways), an Algerian joint-venture between the Transtev group (Transports Terrestres de Voyageurs), EMA and RATP Dev.

SETRAM is responsible for operating the tram service in Algiers, Oran, Constantine, Sidi Bel Abbès, Ouargla (the first tram in southern Algeria, on the edge of the desert) and Sétif.