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## Two Transdev's networks rewarded at UITP's Light Rail Awards 2008

### **Metro do Porto, Best New Realisation** **Yarra Trams, Best Accessibility Improvement Project**

Last June, during its international conference on light rail in Istanbul, Turkey, the International Association of Public Transport (UITP) handed out its prestigious awards for commendable light rail projects.

#### **Metro do Porto, Porto, Portugal, « Best New Realisation »**

The light rail network of Porto, introduced between 2002 and 2006, covers around 60 km, with 5 lines and 69 stations connecting Porto and surrounding areas. It transports some 200,000 people a day and the global customer satisfaction rate is at 75%.

#### **Yarra Trams, Melbourne, Australia, « Best Accessibility Improvement Project »**

To fulfil the requirements of the « Disability Discrimination Act » which will come into effect in 2022, Yarra Trams began to upgrade its platform stops. Between 1999 and 2006, only 112 of a total 1,776 tram stops had been upgraded to provide access to low floor trams for people with disabilities. In the single year of 2007, Yarra trams built 116 more accessible platform stops.

Transdev's networks well met the criteria for selecting the winners of « Light Rail Awards », which were innovation in the project's conception and design, excellence in its implementation, and a measurable positive impact on the mobility and lifestyle of citizens.

#### **Transdev in brief :**

Transdev, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4<sup>th</sup> private sector public transport operator in Europe. With its 12 trams networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht, Valenciennes), 2 networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a global leader on this market.

Present in 9 countries, in Europe, as well as in Canada and in Australia, Transdev provides travelling for more than 1.2 billion passengers per year.

The Group operates a fleet of more than 20 000 vehicles, 15 000 buses and coaches, 1 000 trams, 90 metros, 30 trains, 70 trolleys, 40 river shuttles and 4 000 vehicles for demand-responsive transport, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.

Transdev has more than 41 000 employees and manages a turnover of 3,3 billion euros in 2008.

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