

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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## **Transdev unveils France's first pilot HQE®-compliant Technical Operations Centre for passenger transport vehicles at Val d'Europe**

On 25 June, the Transdev Group is unveiling the HQE®-compliant Technical Centre<sup>1</sup> at Val d'Europe (Bailly-Romainvilliers), France's first HQE®-compliant Technical Operations Centre for passenger transport vehicles. This pilot site is located at the heart of the Val d'Europe economic hub, where the public transport network is run by Transdev.

Joel Lebreton, Transdev CEO, will inaugurate this "pilot" operation at the opening ceremony in the presence of the key contributors to what is a national first: Christian Jacob, Chairman of the National Assembly's commission for sustainable development and planning; Vincent Eble, Chairman of Seine-et-Marne Conseiller Général; Arnaud de Belenet, Chairman of EPAFRANCE and Mayor of Bailly-Romainvilliers; and Philippe Gas, Chairman of Euro Disney S.A.S.

The creation of this technical centre constitutes a major contribution to Transdev's "Vision 2012" business plan, one of the aims of which is to place sustainable development at the core of the public transport profession. The implementation of this business plan is structured around 4 key actions: equipping the networks with HQE®-compliant technical centres ; training the staff in eco-driving ; harnessing new energy systems and developing so-called "soft" alternative modes (bikes, hybrid buses, electric shuttles).

Located in one of Ile-de-France's principal developing sectors, this new HQE® Technical Centre is at the core of the Transdev Group's presence in the region, as Transdev Ile-de-France is a key public transport operator in the outer suburbs and a leading player in Seine et Marne.

Achieved courtesy of the longstanding partnership linking Transdev with Euro Disney S.A.S. and with the full support of the EPA responsible for land in Val d'Europe, the operation is designed to provide a management and operation tool capable of coping with the numerous large development projects due to take place in the region. *"So it was natural that Transdev, as a leading industrial public transport player and Seine-et-Marne's main operator, should be involved in motivating the multiple contributors and bringing the appropriate companies together for this technological challenge,"* Joel Lebreton declares.

The aim of this pilot site is twofold for TRANSDEV, since the new Technical Centre's configuration makes it possible both to limit its effects on the external environment and to provide a healthy and comfortable workplace for staff.

*"The HQE® initiative applies as much to the construction, operation and maintenance of buildings as well as developments and works. The improvement of construction methods and*

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<sup>1</sup> Centre for the storage and maintenance of road vehicles.

*the performance of the built environment underline a commitment to sustainable development,”* explains Anne-Sophie Perrissin-Fabert, Director of the HQE Association.

As an industrial partner and investor in the project, Transdev was keen for the initiative to transcend its pioneering nature and be exemplary in the long term. Consequently, the company made the exacting choice of including the operation in a pilot initiative, since the certification reference system was still being implemented at the time of the project's launch. By the end of 2010, Transdev aims to have obtained the *NF Bâtiment Tertiaire en Exploitation* certification associated with the HQE® initiative.

Four priorities were defined for the creation of this Technical Centre:

- energy management: the office building is a Low Consumption Building (in compliance with the RT 2005 thermal regulations), giving a reduction in emissions of 21 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent;
- water management: a strong reduction in consumption of drinking water (from 67% to 91% for the washing of vehicles), with a water recycling system for the washing system and a roof rainwater harvesting system (tanker capable of collecting 1,700m<sup>3</sup> per year);
- sustainable environmental performance: an initiative relating to the choice of materials, including over 20m<sup>2</sup> of solar panels, equipment to facilitate repair and maintenance, and user behaviour;
- management of waste generated by activities: the implementation of a waste sorting procedure and the listing of disposal systems.

Lastly, Transdev is a participant in the 10:10 campaign of action against global warming, an initiative supported by the ADEME and launched by Yann Arthus-Bertrand's foundation Good Planet.org, which is inviting any person, organisation or business to voluntarily cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 10% over a 12-month period starting in 2010.

500 vehicles will be linked to this technical centre, which can accommodate 115 buses and articulated vehicles and 180 light vehicles simultaneously – a fleet which Transdev intends to develop with a bias towards vehicles using new energy technologies (EEV standards, natural gas, hybrid and electric vehicles).

As a signatory to the UITP Charter on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Global Compact, the Transdev Group has been committed to sustainable development initiatives for many years. On account of the number of its networks involved, Transdev is also the European leader in experimentation with hybrid buses. The first-ever hybrid bus, which entered into service in the Ile-de-France region on 11 June 2009, is a Transdev bus, an Urbino 18 Solaris. The advent of this first vehicle has permitted the launch of a larger project, in close collaboration with the STIF, for the rolling out of this type of vehicle on the key suburban lines of the Ile-de-France networks.

*“The issues surrounding sustainable development are core concerns of both elected representatives and passengers. Whether in terms of rolling stock, energy used, depots or even staff training, the Transdev Group has opted to invest in innovative solutions that allow it to limit its environmental footprint and thereby meet their expectations. Our new HQE® Technical Centre is a splendid example of this,”* Joel Lebreton concludes.

This initiative is being accompanied by the involvement of all administrative and driving personnel through their commitment to a Sustainable Development Charter, a sign of a collective awareness-raising and evidence of our will to comply with voluntary policies for the sustainable management of resources and behaviour aimed at reducing the environmental impact of the Transdev Group.

### **Key features of Transdev's HQE® Technical Centre at Val d'Europe**

- 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings over 2.7 ha
- 350 employees
- Capacity: 115 vehicles
- Traditional vehicles with evolution towards vehicles using new energy technologies
- 500 vehicles will be linked to this Technical Maintenance Centre
- 1 ultra-modern workshop
- Administrative offices
- Building and outbuildings designed within the framework of a High Quality Environmental (HQE) initiative
- "HQE and tertiary buildings" pilot operation (certifying body: CERTIVEA)
- Site managed in conformity with the ISO 14001 standard, with specialist support

### **About Transdev Ile-de-France**

- Key public transport operator in the Ile-de-France suburbs, Transdev Ile-de-France employs over 2,500 staff, carries out 250,000 journeys per day and generates annual revenue of over 200 million euros.
- Present on 25 regional networks, Transdev Ile-de-France consists of 26 subsidiaries specialising in three main activities: public transport, private activities, and airport services.
- Its companies manage a total fleet of 1,400 vehicles spread across 39 depots, which occupy an overall surface area of 26 ha, including 60,000 m<sup>2</sup> of industrial space, currently the subject of a modernisation policy.

### **About the Transdev Group**

- A subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts, Transdev is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest private public transport operator in Europe.
- Present in 9 European countries, as well as Canada, Morocco and Australia, Transdev caters for the travel needs of 2 billion passengers per year.
- It deploys its expertise along 3 complementary strands: operating transport networks, developing and running major projects, and providing services to passengers.
- With 11 tram networks operated by the group or benefiting from its technical assistance (Grenoble, Madrid, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht), 1 network soon to be launched (Rabat-Salé), another under construction (Reims), and an underground system in operation (Genoa), Transdev is firmly established as a leader on this market.
- The group manages a fleet of over 20,000 vehicles, including 16,000 buses and coaches, 500 trams, 22 underground trains, 30 overland trains, 110 trolleybuses, 50 ferries and over 4,000 demand-responsive transport vehicles, a market where Transdev is the European leader.
- In order to support local authorities throughout their projects, Transdev relies on its overall command of the passenger transport chain and its unrivalled experience of public-private partnerships.
- Transdev employs 30,340 people, generating consolidated revenue of 2.513 billion Euros in 2009.