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## **TaM is chosen to provide technical support for the future Brasilia tramway**

The Montpellier semi-public company TaM (Transports de l'agglomération de Montpellier), to which the Transdev Group provides client representation services, has been chosen by the French Development Agency (AFD) to advise the Brazilian capital on the construction of its future tramway line. It will open in 2014, just before the start of the football world cup.

A Brazilian delegation visited several French cities in 2008 to see how they organised their tramway networks. In the end, it was the quality of the Montpellier Agglomération project and TAM's nine years' experience in building and managing tramways that won over the delegation.

*"It's perfect recognition of the work done by TaM since it launched its tramway in 2000",* explains Joël Lebreton, Chairman and CEO of the Transdev group.

Technicians from Brasilia will come to Montpellier for training while the Languedoc-Roussillon capital will send their technicians to South America. They will spend about 3 months there assisting the Brazilians on subjects in which they have tried and tested expertise: P&R, circulation plan with priority at lights, urban integration, etc. *"We will also guide them in how to implement the works with minimum disruption to urban life"* adds Marc le Tourneur, Director of TaM. *"Or on key points like operation of the control centre, definition of operating rules or staff training"*.

22 km of lines will be built by Alstom by 2014, serving this city of nearly 2.5 million inhabitants. The first section will be over 8 kilometres long and include 11 stops which shall be opened before the end of 2010.

The experience of Transdev, leader in this field and recognised specialist in project management support of implementation and operation of large public transport projects, along with the know-how of TaM's engineers and managers and Marc Le Tourneur were additional strong points promoting the signature of the agreement between the AFD, Georges Frêche (chairman of the regional council of Languedoc-Roussillon and the Communauté d'Agglomération de Montpellier) and José Roberto Arruda, governor of Brasilia.

### **About TaM**

- TaM, a semi-public company created in 1978, now operates 29 urban and suburban bus lines, 2 tramway lines, parking and the "VELOMAGG" system for the Communauté d'Agglomération de Montpellier.

- TaM manages a fleet of 136 buses, 57 trams, 19 car parks and 740 parking ticket machines totalling 22,400 paid parking spaces and 2,000 bikes for short-term and long-term rental in 40 locations.
- The company provides transport for over 65.6 million passengers who travel 11 million kilometres per year.
- TaM has 930 employees.

#### **About the Transdev Group**

- Transdev, subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest private operator of public transport in Europe.
- With 12 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht and Valenciennes), 2 new networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a world leader on this market.
- Present in 9 countries and on 3 continents, in Europe and in Canada and Australia, Transdev provides transport to more than 2 billion passengers a year.
- The Group manages a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, including 16,000 coaches and buses, 1,000 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 110 trolleys, 50 river shuttles and 4,000 demand-responsive vehicles, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.
- Transdev employs over 46,000 people and managed a turnover of 3.3 billion euros in 2008.