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## **The Transdev Group reinforces its presence in Canada with the acquisition of the Auger Group**

**Following the acquisition of Limocar in 2007, the Transdev Group is consolidating its position on the North American market through the acquisition of a major player in the Canadian public transport sector.**

The Transdev Group, through its Canadian subsidiary Transdev Limocar, has announced its acquisition of the Auger Group. This represents a strategic acquisition for its expansion on the North American market.

Transdev established itself on the Canadian market in 2007 when it acquired Limocar, operating in both the urban and interurban transport sectors, and today is targeting the main demographic centres in Canada and the United States of America.

The Auger Group, a family-run business founded in 1956 and one of the longest established operators in Quebec, is firmly established in the province, predominantly centred around Montreal. It boasts a fleet of 203 vehicles covering public transport needs, school transport, medical transport, occasional transport and employs 270 staff.

Francis Chaput, Division Director, Northern France and Canada: *"The acquisition of the Auger Group is in line with our growth strategy in Canada, allowing Transdev to consolidate its presence in Quebec by becoming the leader in the suburbs of Montreal with a 42% share of the travel market."* André Magnon-Pujo Managing Director of Transdev Canada and Chairman of Limocar added: *"With the Auger Group we become a major player in the medical transport market, with 50% of the market in Quebec, serving hospitals in the Montreal region."*

This acquisition boosts Transdev Canada's turnover from 38.5 to 55.9 million dollars, increases its fleet from 320 to 523 vehicles and staff numbers from 470 to 740. This makes the Group a major player in urban and regional public transport in Canada, where its subsidiary Transdev Limocar has undergone major expansion in the last 2 years with growth rates of over 10% per annum.

François-Xavier Perin, Managing Director of the Transdev Group: *"This new acquisition by the Transdev Group in Canada illustrates our desire to consolidate our foothold in North America. This key market, offering high growth potential, increased demand and a whole host of projects, represents a major growth area for the Transdev Group."*

### **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.