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## **Stadler shipped the first double deck Aeroexpress train to Moscow**

**Swiss rolling stock manufacturer Stadler Rail Group has successfully shipped to Moscow the first unit of the altogether 25 double-decker KISS trains ordered by Russian railway operator Aeroexpress. The train immediately starts the homologation process with dynamic tests in the examination ring of Russian Railways in Scherbinka. According to the plans, commercial operation of the first train is to start in the summer of 2015, while the last train is expected to enter service one year later during the summer of 2016. The new trains will carry passengers between Moscow and the international airports of Domodedovo, Sheremetyevo and Vnukovo.**

The first six-car double deck train arrived from Stadler's recently built factory located in the outskirts of Minsk in Belarus to Moscow Depot of Aeroexpress, where it was officially presented to the media and officials including the Moscow Mayor Sergey Sobyenin, Maxim Liksutov, Deputy Mayor for Transport and Traffic Infrastructure Development, Pierre Helg, Ambassador of Switzerland to the Russian Federation, and Igor Petrishenko, Ambassador of Belorussia to the Russian Federation.

The new double-deckers are 3,400 millimetres wide with a height of 5,240 millimetres. The trains are designed to cope with the specific Russian climate, which can range from -50 degrees Celsius to +40 degrees Celsius and in this respect are based on the FLIRT vehicles delivered to Finland, Norway, Estonia and Belarus. The trains will have a speed of 160 km/h and have comfortable, bright interiors in two classes (business and economy). The carriages are made from lightweight aluminium, which makes the vehicles much lighter than the traditional steel carriages. The reduced weight means that the train operator can make significant energy savings on everyday services.

Stadler Rail Group has become a strategic partner of Aeroexpress after participating and winning an international tender in Moscow in 2013. The parties signed contract on May 28 last year. The contract includes the supply of 25 double-decker KISS trains consisting of altogether 118 coaches, out of which 16 units will be four-car and 9 will be six-car vehicles. The first 4 units are produced by the factory of Stadler in Altenrhein, Switzerland, while the remaining 21 are being made in the latest investment of Stadler in Minsk, Belarus. Aeroexpress purchases



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trains at its own expense, therewith investing into the development of railway passenger transport. The new double-deck fleet will allow a 35-50% increase in the transport capacity of Aeroexpress trains.

The next stage will include dynamic testing and different strict authority examinations, including tests for winter operation on the test ring in Scherbinka, which are to result in obtaining the homologation. According to the contract, commercial operation of the first train is to commence in June 2015, while the last unit is expected to enter service in June 2016.

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**About Aeroexpress**

Aeroexpress ([www.aeroexpress.ru](http://www.aeroexpress.ru)) is a dynamic Russian company providing intermodal and local rail transportation services in compliance with the license of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation. Aeroexpress provides rail services between the capital and all of the major Moscow airports (Vnukovo, Domodedovo and Sheremetyevo), as well as the town of Lobnya. On 20 July 2012, Aeroexpress trains were put into operation in Vladivostok to service the route between the central rail terminal and the new Knevichi Airport. On 22 May 2013, Aeroexpress launched its services in the capital of the 2013 Summer Universiade – the city of Kazan. In 2013, the highest ever number of passengers travelled on Aeroexpress trains – 20.1 million people. 16.8 million of the passengers were carried to and from Moscow airports, 13.2% higher compared to the year of 2012. In 2013, the company's share on the intermodal transportation market amounted to 23.83%.

**About Stadler**

Stadler Rail Group, system supplier of customer-specific solutions for rail vehicle construction, has locations in Switzerland (Altenrhein, Bussnang, Winterthur and Biel), in Germany (Berlin-Pankow, Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, Berlin-Reinickendorf and Velten), in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, Belarus, Algeria and in the USA. The Group has a workforce of around 6,000 people, of which 3,000 are based in Switzerland. The best-known vehicle series from Stadler Rail Group are the articulated multiple-unit train GTW (571 trains sold), the Regio-Shuttle RS1 (497 trains sold), the FLIRT (1018 trains sold) and the double-decker multiple-unit train KISS (190 trains sold) in the railway segment, and the Variobahn (353 vehicles sold) and the Tango (147 vehicles sold) in the tram segment. The Metro is another addition for the commuter rail market (2 + 34 vehicles sold). Furthermore, Stadler Rail manufactures metre-gauge trains, passenger carriages and locomotives and is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion rail vehicles.