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Right on track: Stadler wins contract in the Netherlands worth EUR 125 million

Stadler has been awarded the contract to manufacture 16 FLIRT3 electric multiple-unit (EMU) trains for the operators Syntus bv and Keolis in the Netherlands.

The trains will operate on the Zwolle–Kampen and Zwolle–Enschede lines, with services scheduled to begin in December 2017.

The contract is worth approximately EUR 125 million and includes delivery of the trains and maintenance for 15 years. The 16 electric FLIRT3 trains are split into nine three-carriage and seven four-carriage multiple-unit trains, and have a maximum speed of 160 kilometres per hour. All FLIRT3 vehicles sold comply with the new 2014 TSI standards, meaning they are state of the art in terms of noise-pollution levels, energy efficiency and access for persons with reduced mobility. The first trains will be delivered in June 2017 to allow type tests to be completed. Once again, the fact that the vehicles are able to be manufactured so quickly – thanks to the unique modular construction of the FLIRT3 series – played a crucial role in Stadler being awarded the contract. The 16 new trains will be produced in Switzerland.

Orders received over the last 18 months have already included 58 FLIRT trains for NS Reizigers and six two-carriage FLIRT trains for Abellio. After receiving this third contract from Holland with a quick turnaround, Stadler has decided to open a service centre in the Netherlands. The exact location is currently being evaluated and will form part of the service organisation in the Netherlands.

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Stadler has been building trains for over 75 years. The system provider of rail vehicle construction solutions is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland, and has a workforce of around 7000 based in various locations across Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Belarus, Algeria, Australia and the United States. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the commuter rail and railway segments: trams, tram trains, underground trains, regional and commuter rail trains, intercity trains and high-speed trains. In addition, Stadler manufactures main-line dual-mode locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. Stadler remains the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

This year, Stadler will be part of a historic event, as the longest train tunnel in the world, the Gotthard Base Tunnel, is officially opened from 1 to 5 June 2016. From 2019 onwards, the nine Giruno trains produced by Stadler for the Gotthard Base Tunnel will carry passengers from Zurich to Milan, and later from Frankfurt to Milan, in record time.