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Stadler wins first contract for multiple unit trains in Canada

Stadler wins the contract for seven four-unit trains for the City of Ottawa. The trains are being specifically designed to run in extremely cold climates. For Stadler this is already the second project in Canada – currently Stadler is building double-deck dome cars for Rocky Mountaineer, which will be operating on scenic routes northeast of Vancouver.

The City of Ottawa and SNC Lavalin Group have declared Stadler as the winner of the contract for seven four-unit diesel electric FLIRT trains, as part of the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line extension project. The contract is valued at approximately 80 million Swiss Francs (106 million Canadian Dollars). Canada is now the 18th country to purchase Stadler FLIRT trains. According to the contract, Stadler will deliver the vehicles starting in mid-2021 to Ottawa, where they will undergo extensive testing. This is Stadler's second contract in Canada. Stadler is currently building double-deck dome cars for Rocky Mountaineer, which will take passengers on scenic routes northeast of Vancouver.

The seven four-unit trains for Ottawa are equipped with four 480 kW diesel engines. Parts of the traction equipment system and the diesel engines are housed in power pack units. With the current design the trains comply with the emission standard Tier4 final, with the North American Track Class IV, with ADA and are fully compliant with AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) standards as well as with the North American fire safety standard NFPA 130.

With speeds up to 120 kilometres per hour, the Stadler FLIRT trains will service the extended Trillium Line. The Stage 2 Trillium Line extension is a public-private-partnership project which will extend the existing Trillium Line by adding 16 kilometres of rail and 8 new stations, including a link to the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. TransitNEXT, a wholly owned subsidiary of SNC-Lavalin, will design, build, finance and maintain the Stage 2 Trillium Line Extension.

The Stadler site in Bussnang, Switzerland is building and assembling the FLIRT trains for Ottawa. Here, Stadler has ample experience with projects for countries with requirements for extreme winter weather conditions. In Estonia, Norway, Finland and Sweden the Stadler FLIRT trains are already in service with high operational availability, even under tough cold-weather conditions.

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About Stadler

International rail vehicle construction company, Stadler, is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland. Founded in 1942, it has a workforce of over 8,500 based in various production and over 40 service locations. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the heavy and urban transport segments: High-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter heavy rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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