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**Stadler enters Asian metro market**

**Stadler has won its first metro tender in Taiwan. On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 the Kaohsiung City Mass Rapid Transit Bureau has awarded a consortium of ST Engineering, Singapore, Stadler, Switzerland, and Siemens Mobility, Germany, to provide turnkey rail services for the new Kaohsiung MRT Yellow Line. Stadler is to deliver 25 fully automatic operated metro trains from its St. Margrethen site as part of the project.**

The consortium of ST Engineering, Stadler and Siemens Mobility will develop and build a full new metro line in the Taiwanese city of Kaohsiung. ST Engineering will be responsible for providing rail electronics solutions and above-ground train depot design, construction and equipment fit out as well as serve as the overall project management and systems integration lead, Stadler will provide the trains while Siemens Mobility will supply the CBTC signalling system.

With a population of 2.72 million, Kaohsiung is Taiwan's 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous city and the economic center in the south of the country. After the Red Line and Orange Line were opened in 2008, the new Yellow Line comprises 22.8 km of mostly underground tracks and 23 stations with links to the existing lines, a light-rail system and mainline railway stations, connecting the city's six key districts, universities and schools.

Once completed, it will provide sustainable, save, comfortable, fast and very reliable public transport for more than 40 per cent of the city's population.

"The supply contract over 25 medium-capacity 3-car metro-trainsets for the Kaohsiung MRT Yellow Line marks a premiere for Stadler in the Asian metro market segment. We are proud that our high-quality standards and reliability as well as our expertise in tailoring vehicle solutions specifically to customer requirements have been decisive criteria for the selection of Stadler in this international tender. The metro trains will be of the latest state of the art, highly energy efficient due to the specific lightweight aluminum construction and operated driverless and fully automatic (GoA4). Additionally, they will be specially designed for the tropical and subtropical climate in Taiwan with a high humidity of up to 100 percent and extreme temperatures of up to 45 degrees.", says Dr. Ansgar Brockmeyer, Deputy Group CEO and Executive Vice President Marketing & Sales at Stadler.

This new order further strengthens Stadler's presence in the fast-growing metro market segment. In the last years, Stadler has won major metro projects in Spain, Germany, UK, Belarus and USA with a total of more than 600 trains.

For Stadler it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> major rolling stock contract in Taiwan. In November 2019 TRA (Taiwan Railways Administration) had signed a contract for the supply of 34 six-axle narrow-gauge diesel electric locomotives made by Stadler. The first of these locomotives will be delivered in 2023.

## **About Stadler**

*Stadler has been building trains for 80 years. The provider of rail vehicle construction solutions has its headquarters in Bussnang in eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of over 13,000 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 70 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.*

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