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COLAS RAIL AWARDED A DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT FOR MOROCCO’S FIRST HIGH SPEED TRAIN LINE

Colas Rail and its subsidiary Colas Rail Maroc, as part of a consortium with Egis Rail, won the design-build contract for a 185-kilometer long double track high speed train line between Tangiers and Kenitra in Morocco.

The work involves track (studies and construction), catenary systems and two work site facilities (studies, supply of materials, construction).

The total contract value amounts to 136 million euros, of which 124 million euros are earmarked for Colas Rail and Colas Rail Maroc.

With work slated to last 42 months, the line is scheduled to open during the first half-year 2016.

Colas Rail has thus chalked up yet another successful endeavor in the MENA region (Middle East, North Africa), following the longstanding metro project in Cairo, Egypt, as well as the construction of tramways in Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco. The Group has also recently been awarded contracts for the extension of the Algiers metro in Algeria (end 2012) and the Tunis Rapid Train Network in Tunisia (beginning 2013).

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