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PRESS RELEASE

Colas Rail and its consortium partners have been awarded a contract to build the first two lines on the RFR high-speed railway network in Tunis, Tunisia

Colas Rail and its consortium partners Siemens and the Tunisian company Somatra-Get have secured a contract involving the construction of the first two lines (D & E) on the RFR high-speed railway network in Tunis, Tunisia, for a total of 20 km.

Colas Rail will be in charge of track, catenary networks, power supply, remote surveillance and data collecting system, depot equipment and system integration.

The total contract value amounts to 145 million euros, with 86 million euros earmarked for Colas Rail. A consortium of international backers - including the European Investment Bank (EIB), the Agence Française du Développement (AFD) and German banking institution KfW - are co-financing the project, along with the Tunisian Government.

Work is slated to begin mid 2014 at the earliest and is scheduled to last 46 months.

The project - a first-ever for Colas Rail in Tunisia - is yet another successful endeavor for the company in the Middle East and North Africa, following the Algiers metro extension contract secured end 2012. In fact, Colas Rail has had a long-standing foothold in the MENA region, since it began building the Cairo, Egypt metro in 1981. The rail specialist has also built the Rabat tramway and a section of the Casablanca tramway in Morocco.

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