



Saft onboard batteries will enable Hyundai Rotem to ensure the smooth running of the new Hyderabad Metro Rail trains

Saft compact and lightweight MATRICS MRX batteries will support vital onboard passenger safety and comfort systems on the new three-car Hyderabad Metro Rail trains scheduled to enter service in 2015

Paris, July 18, 2013 – Saft, the world’s leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry, has been awarded a major contract by Hyundai Rotem to supply the onboard batteries for 57 trains under construction for the new metro system that will ease traffic congestion and pollution in Hyderabad, currently one of the fastest growing metropolitan centres in India. The order for the MATRICS MRX nickel-based batteries continues Saft’s run of success in high profile urban transit schemes in Asia including Hong Kong’s West Island Line, Shanghai Metro Lines 10 and 11 and the Beijing and Nanjing metros.

Hyderabad, the capital of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, currently has a population of 8 million, with a projected population of 13.6 million by 2021. This rapid growth, rising income levels and the lack of a mass transportation system are resulting in a massive increase in private vehicle usage, causing frequent traffic jams and high pollution levels. This issue is being addressed by the development of a new metro system in three high density traffic corridors of Hyderabad, spanning a total route length of 72 km.

Hyundai Rotem, the Korean railway vehicle specialist, has been awarded a contract worth around \$335 million to supply the rolling stock for the new metro. The system is scheduled to enter service in 2015, and by 2017 it will be carrying 1.7 million passengers per day, rising to 2.2 million by 2024.

Two battery systems, each comprising 76 of Saft's specialised MRX rail batteries, will be fitted by Hyundai Rotem to all 57 trains, where they will provide reliable backup power for up to 60 minutes to support emergency lighting, air conditioning, door operation and communication systems in the event of an interruption to the main power supply. Effective project coordination between Saft and Hyundai Rotem will be provided by the new world-class AMCO Saft India Limited factory inaugurated in Bidadi, Bangalore in January 2013.

“At peak hours, the new metro trains will have a frequency of 3 to 5 minutes, so reliability of all the onboard systems is absolutely essential,” said Sejin, Park working in overseas procurement team of Hyundai Rotem. *“We were impressed with the outstanding track record that Saft MRX batteries have established in metro projects for both reliability and long life, so with the added advantage of the high level of local service and support provided by Saft’s new facility in Bangalore they were the natural choice for our Hyderabad project.”*

“This major contract for Hyundai Rotem’s Hyderabad metro trains is further confirmation of Saft as a key strategic provider of batteries for Asia’s ever growing number of high profile metro projects,” says Mr GS Patil, Managing Director Amco Saft in Bangalore. *“In particular, operators recognize that the combination of reliability, long service life, low and easy maintenance offered by Saft’s nickel-based technology is the ideal recipe for the lowest possible Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).”*



Saft has designed MRX batteries for the new generation of rolling stock that demands high performance in a compact, lightweight package that enables train manufacturers to make the optimum use of the often limited space envelope available for the onboard batteries. The MRX design also offers exceptional reliability, high quality, low maintenance requirements, long life and optimized Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), even in the extreme temperatures encountered in India.

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics' markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also being deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication markets. Saft's 3,800 employees present in 18 countries, its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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