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**Alpha Trains concludes world’s first Green Private Placement in the rolling stock sector.**

**Proceeds exclusively used to refinance debt associated with the acquisition of energy efficient and environmental friendly electric train sets.**

Alpha Trains Group has tapped the US private placement market to successfully complete the world´s first Green Private Placement by a leasing company in the rolling stock sector. Alpha Trains raised €250m which has been exclusively used to refinance debt associated with the acquisition of 63 modern electric multiple unit train sets equipped with environmental friendly and energy efficient technology which reduces energy consumption within passenger transportation.

“We are proud to have obtained the Climate Bond certification for this private placement as the first company in the rolling stock sector worldwide, which is a milestone for both our financing, environmental and social responsibility strategies. This new source of capital widens our lender base and, by providing modern and energy efficient electric rolling stock, we contribute to the achievement of the European Union´s greenhouse gas reduction targets and support the sustainable development goals of creating safe and sustainable cities,” says Shaun Mills, CEO of Alpha Trains.

The US Green Private Placement was arranged by Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (CACIB), ING Financial Markets LLC (ING) and UBS Investment Bank (UBS) as joint placement agents. CACIB and ING assisted Alpha Trains in developing its Green Private Placement framework aligned with the Green Bond Principles[[1]](#footnote-2).

Alpha Trains has also gained Climate Bonds Initiative Certification under the Low Carbon Transport Criteria[[2]](#footnote-3) for the green refinancing. Verification was provided by Sustainalytics, a leading global provider of environmental, social and governance research and ratings.

“Clean transportation is recognised by the Green Bond Principles as an eligible green project category, offering clear environmental benefits. Alpha Trains’ Green Private Placement is transparent and provides clarity regarding use of proceeds and the outcomes of the investments. Sustainalytics views Alpha Trains’ Green Private Placement as credible and robust.”

“By issuing its first successful Green capital market transaction, Alpha Trains has become one of the most innovative private players in the rail market worldwide with best in class standards for Green Bond transactions. Transportation is a key sector to fight climate change and we hope the Alpha Trains Green Private Placement will be instrumental in the further development of green transportation investments and financing,” says Tanguy Claquin, Head of Sustainable Banking at CACIB.

“This is green finance leadership in rail transport from Alpha Trains. There is tremendous global potential for well-structured green financing products to assist fund new rail infrastructure and rolling stock. This new placement from Alpha Trains is an international demonstration to the rail sector of best practice and sustainable investment,“ said Sean Kidney CEO Climate Bonds Initiative.

**About Alpha Trains**  
*Alpha Trains, headquartered in Luxembourg, is the leading and largest private operating lessor of rolling stock (passenger trains and locomotives) in Continental Europe. Around 100 employees from 11 countries work in offices in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne and Madrid.*

*Alpha Trains owns 435 passenger trains and 380 locomotives and offers tailor-made leasing solutions, comprehensive know-how in maintenance and vehicle repairs as well as long-term experience in the financing of new build projects. Alpha Trains' fleets are in use by many public and private operators in 13 European countries. Alpha Trains' shareholders are Arcus Infrastructure Fund, AMP Capital and Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investment).*

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Photos:

1 & 2: Shaun Mills, CEO Alpha Trains Group

3 & 4: STS fleet: Talent 2, Manufacturer: Bombardier, Operator: Abellio

5 & 6: EMIL fleet: KISS, Manufacturer Stadler, Operator: Westfalenbahn

7: EMIL fleet: Flirt 3, Manufacturer Stadler, Operator: Westfalenbahn

1. The Green Bond Principles are voluntary process guidelines that recommend transparency and disclosure and promote integrity in the development of the Green Bond market. They provide issuers guidance on the key components involved in launching a credible Green Bond and aid investors by ensuring availability of information necessary to evaluate the environmental impact of their Green bond investments [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The Low Carbon Land Transport Criteria sets out applicability for certification under the umbrella [Climate Bonds Standard](http://www.climatebonds.net/standards/about) based around compatibility with an emission trajectory that limits global temperature rise to 2°C. Applicable assets under the Criteria include public passenger transport e.g. rail, metros, trams, electric/hybrid buses, private light-duty and heavy goods vehicles that are electric, hybrid or alternative fuel, dedicated freight railway lines and supporting infrastructure. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)