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## New market: Alpha Trains leases trains to the Czech Republic

- Five Desiro Classic two-car diesel multiple units leased to Arriva Vlaky
- Lease contract until the end of 2029
- · Successful remarketing to new operator

Alpha Trains has signed a long-term lease contract for 5 Siemens Desiro Classic DMUs with a subsidiary of ARRIVA TRANSPORT ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA a.s. With the conclusion of this contract Alpha Trains expands its coverage of passenger assets into the Czech Republic.

"We are delighted that our multiple units will now also be in operation in the Czech Republic. The national railway markets in Europe are opening up to competition - services and prices are becoming more comparable. We are pleased to be part of this development," says Shaun Mills, CEO of Alpha Trains Group.

The five vehicles are currently in use in Slovakia and are operated by RegioJet. From December 2020, they will be in service in the north of the Czech Republic on the Liberec - Turnov - Semily - Stará Paka route.

Arriva was able to prevail against several competitors in a Europe-wide bidding process for this transport contract.



## **About Alpha Trains**

Alpha Trains is the leading rolling stock lessor in Continental Europe. Around 115 employees from 15 countries work in offices in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne, Madrid and Paris. Alpha Trains owns about 800 locomotives and passenger trains 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 17 European countries. Alpha Trains' shareholders are Arcus Infrastructure Fund, AMP Capital and Public Sector Pension Investment Board (PSP Investment).

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