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Agreement announced at InnoTrans

Alpha Trains and Wabtec plan long-term framework agreement for coupler overhauls

- **Planned framework agreement to secure the long-term overhaul of Dellner coupler systems used in Alpha Trains' regional passenger trains**
- **Collaboration to cover technical and commercial coordination for efficient overhaul solutions**
- **Proactive obsolescence management and asset lifecycle management**

Alpha Trains and Wabtec have signed an agreement to enter into negotiations on a long-term framework agreement for the overhaul of Dellner couplers used in Alpha Trains' regional passenger rail fleet. The letter was signed by both companies at InnoTrans, the leading international trade fair for rail and transport technology.

The planned framework agreement is intended to establish a long-term approach to the technical and commercial coordination of coupler overhauls.

It is also expected to enable different Alpha Trains fleets to be incorporated into the agreement, supporting standardized processes, transparent lifecycle planning and greater long-term planning security for both companies regarding the overhaul volumes anticipated in the coming years and decades.

Further Alpha Trains fleets can be added to the agreement over time. This standardises overhaul processes across fleets and gives both companies a reliable basis for planning capacity, spare parts and overhaul volumes over the remaining service life of the vehicles.

Another key element of the planned collaboration is the continuous development of overhaul solutions. This includes the development of suitable substitutes where individual components may become obsolete or unavailable, as well as the systematic incorporation of technical improvements during scheduled overhauls. The overall objective is to ensure that the couplers can be maintained to the highest possible standard throughout the remaining service life of the respective trains.

The parties intend to begin contract negotiations as soon as possible, with the aim of bringing the framework agreement into force by 1 January 2027.

Couplers: a safety-critical interface

Couplers connect vehicles mechanically, pneumatically and electrically, transmit traction and braking forces and, through integrated energy absorption elements, contribute to the crashworthiness of the train. In regional passenger operations they are subject to high mechanical loads and to frequent coupling cycles. Their condition has a direct effect on fleet availability and on reliable services for passengers.

Fernando Pérez, CEO of Alpha Trains, commented: "The planned long-term collaboration with Wabtec will allow us to take a coordinated and forward-looking approach to coupler maintenance. By combining technical expertise, long-term planning and effective obsolescence management, we aim to further strengthen the reliability and availability of our passenger rail fleet for our customers."

Fredric Håkansson, Vice President of Wabtec Couplers Group added: "By combining Wabtec expertise in coupler technology and overhaul with Alpha Trains' long-term fleet perspective, we can establish a proactive approach to maintaining these safety-critical systems throughout their service life. The planned framework agreement will provide a strong basis for efficient overhaul programmes, proactive obsolescence management and the continuous integration of technical improvements. We look forward to supporting Alpha Trains in keeping its regional passenger fleets safe, reliable and available for many years to come".

Sustainable lifecycle management for critical rail components

The planned collaboration between Alpha Trains and Wabtec is also intended to support the sustainable long-term operation of regional passenger trains. Through structured overhaul programmes, lifecycle extension measures and proactive obsolescence management, the parties aim to maximise the life of coupler systems and avoid unnecessary component replacement. This approach supports circular use of materials, reduces demand for new components and helps preserve the value and operational capability of existing rolling stock. By keeping existing assets in reliable service for longer, Alpha Trains and Wabtec seek to combine resource-efficient fleet management with high standards of safety, reliability and availability.

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About Alpha Trains

Alpha Trains is the leading private rolling stock lessor in Continental Europe. A total of 160 employees from 20 countries work in offices in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne, Madrid, Paris and Warsaw. Alpha Trains owns more than 1,000 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 at many public and private operators in 22 European countries. Alpha Trains' shareholders are APG, Arcus European Trains, PGGM and Swiss Life.

About Wabtec

Wabtec Corporation is revolutionizing the way the world moves for future generations. The Company is a leading global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions and value-added services for the freight and transit rail industries, as well as the mining, marine and industrial markets. Wabtec has been a leader in the rail industry for 155 years and has a vision to achieve an efficient rail system worldwide. Visit Wabtec's website at www.wabtec.com.

About Dellner

Dellner, a Wabtec company, is one of the world's leading suppliers of Train Connection Systems, with more than 85 years of experience serving the global rail industry. Since its founding in 1941, Dellner has established a strong reputation for engineering excellence and customer-focused innovation. The company's comprehensive portfolio includes couplers, gangways, front hatches, dampers, Crash Energy Management systems and a broad range of aftermarket and service solutions. A significant milestone in the company's journey came in February 2026, when Dellner became part of Wabtec Corporation, a global leader in rail technology and industrial solutions. The combination of Dellner's specialized expertise in Train Connection Systems and Wabtec's extensive portfolio of technologies, digital solutions and services strengthens both organizations' ability to support customers worldwide. Together, Dellner and Wabtec are helping shape the future of rail transportation through innovation, operational excellence and sustainable mobility solutions. www.dellner.com