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**Fleet expanded by 31 Coradia Lint 54 trains**

**Alpha Trains acquires multiple units for Oberland network in Bavaria**

* Sale and lease-back and new build transaction
* State-of-the-art diesel multiple units with far lower emissions
* Long-term leasing contracts with Transdev subsidiary

Alpha Trains, Continental Europe’s largest lessor of trains and locomotives, has expanded its fleet portfolio to include a total of 31 modern multiple units of the Coradia Lint 54 type manufactured by Alstom. In a so-called “sale and lease-back” transaction, Transdev sold 22 new trains, which it recently delivered to Alpha Trains, and leased the vehicles back in a long-term lease agreement. Alpha Trains has agreed to acquire a further nine identical multiple units directly from the manufacturer Alstom as new trains.

The lessee of the total of 31 multiple units is Bayerische Oberlandbahn GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Transdev Group. The vehicles will be successively put into service under the new BRB (Bayerische Regiobahn) umbrella brand. The first trains have been in operation in the “Oberland” network since June 2020. All of these vehicles should be operating by the end of the year. Notably, the vehicles will be replaced during the current transport concession contract with the Bayerische Eisenbahngesellschaft (BEG), which plans, finances and controls local rail passenger transport in the Free State of Bavaria: the existing fleet will be replaced by 25 new LINT vehicles at the expense of the Transdev Group, while the Free State will enable capacity and supply to be expanded with six additional new vehicles.

The vehicles used up to now, including Bombardier Talent multiple-unit trains, will go back to the owner Alpha Trains for further leasing.

The capacity expansion and the use of more modern multiple units will improve the transport services in the Bavarian Oberland area in terms of reliability, punctuality and equipment. The 31 identical vehicles can be coupled together as required, thus enabling flexible deployment in line with fluctuating passenger volumes.

Shaun Mills, CEO of the Alpha Trains Group: “We are delighted to have found a convincing solution for improving rail transport in the Bavarian Oberland together with our long-standing partner Transdev. Once again it is clear that the flexibility of rolling stock leasing is the only way to implement future mobility concepts in times of rapid demographic and technological change.”

The new trains offer passengers free Wi-Fi and power sockets and are equipped with state-of-the-art passenger information and accessible boarding systems in accordance with the latest EU standard. In addition, despite their diesel engines, the low-emission, low-noise multiple units generate significantly lower emissions than previously, i.e. 90% less nitrogen oxide and almost no particulate matter.

**About Alpha Trains**  
*Alpha Trains is the leading rolling stock lessor in Continental Europe. 115 employees from 15 countries work in offices in Luxembourg, Antwerp, Cologne, Madrid and Paris. Alpha Trains owns around 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 European Trains, AMP Capital Investors and Infra-PSP.*

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