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Press release

SPIE Rail strengthens its business in Egypt with the extension of the Cairo underground railway

In parallel to the signing of a French finance protocol between France and Egypt, on Sunday 29 April 2007 SPIE Rail, acting as a member of a Franco-Egyptian consortium, signed a contract with Egypt's National Authority for Tunnels (NAT) for phase 1 of Line 3 of Cairo's underground railway system. The contract is worth a total of €370 million, of which the foreign currency share is worth €211 million. The signing ceremony was attended by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Ahmed Nazif, the Egyptian transport minister, Mohamed Younes Lofti Mansour, the Egyptian minister for international cooperation, Fayza Aboul Naga, and the French foreign trade minister, Christine Lagarde. This new, 34 km railway line will link Cairo airport (located northwest of the city) and the working-class Imbaba area (in the west) with El Giza Governate. The line and its 29 stations are to be built in four phases over the next 15 years, involving a total investment in the region of €3.5 billion. Phase One involves:

- 4.3 km of line in tunnels
- 5 underground stations with an interchange with Line 2
- A maintenance workshop
- A high-voltage substation.

Work is scheduled to last 51 months. The contract covers the civil engineering, tunnelling and station-building work of Group 2 (a Vinci-led consortium that includes Bouygues and two Egyptian companies, Arab Contractors and Orascom) and the power supply and electromechanical systems work of Group 3 (a consortium led by SPIE Rail that includes Alstom Transport and Thales Transportation Systems, in partnership with Arab Contractors and Orascom). Group 3 is to provide supply and installation services for the traction, distribution and auxiliary power equipment, the escalators and lifts, drainage and ventilation activities, workshop equipment and ticketing systems, as well as building the high-voltage substation and maintenance shop. Overall, SPIE Rail's share of the Phase One work is worth almost €40 million. Note that as a member of the French consortium Interinfra, SPIE Rail was previously involved in the construction of Lines 1 and 2 of the Cairo underground railway between 1981 and 2005. This new order consolidates SPIE Rail's excellent working relationship with National Authority for Tunnels (NAT) and continues the company's involvement in the construction of Cairo's underground railway system. Contacts SPIE SA

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