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Algiers metro inauguration

The first line of the Algiers metro system was inaugurated on Monday, 31 October 2011 in the presence of Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

The inauguration of the **Algiers metro** system is an historic moment for Algerians. The launch of line 1 makes Algiers the first city in the Maghreb to boast a metro line and, with Cairo, the only heavy metro system on the entire African continent.

It is also an important event for **RATP Dev**, which has made a significant contribution to the culmination of this large-scale project launched nearly 30 years ago to relieve traffic congestion in the saturated capital.

Selected in 2007 by **Entreprise du Métro d'Alger** (EMA) to operate and maintain the first metro line, RATP Dev was able to use the know-how and involvement of staff in its RATP El Djazaïr subsidiary to complete the pre-operations phase.

RATP El Djazaïr developed operating procedures and the maintenance policy, oversaw acceptance of equipment and conducted all technical trials. During the dry-run phase prior to inauguration, **RATP El Djazaïr** implemented its two-fold expertise as a technical operator and trainer with a hundred operational exercises to test the system in full, prepare equipment for new passengers and round out staff training using concrete situations.

We would like to thank all of the RATP El Djazaïr staff for their outstanding work and commitment to this project which would not have been completed without them. The Algiers metro is a new reference for **RATP Dev** in operating and maintaining metro lines. We are proud to have been and continue to be a stakeholder in this project.

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