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### **The Algiers metro, the beginning of the trial run**

RATP El Djazair, a RATP Dev subsidiary, is preparing the final step before the Algiers metro line 1 enters service.

Trains have been running without passengers since this morning (8 September) along the ten stations of the Algiers metro line 1. This phase (known as a 'trial run') was launched in the presence of Algerian ministers and parliamentarians.

The 400 employees of RATP El Djazair will be mobilised on a daily basis for a general rehearsal in driving trains, managing circulation, reception in the station, sales of tickets, verification of operating procedures and manoeuvres, etc.

At the same time, a hundred employees from service provider companies will be working to clean trains and stations as well as provide security for facilities.

RATP El Djazair, the future operator, has a two-fold objective. The system must be tested in full with preparation for equipment to welcome new travellers and training for operating and maintenance staff must be completed with concrete situations. A total of over one hundred operational exercises will be conducted.

This is the starting point for an eight-week period which will be decisive and will be used to check that the system operates well in "real" life and that security conditions are sufficient to open the metro to the public.

#### **RATP Group**

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