



RKH Qitarat, composed of RATP Dev, Keolis and Hamad Group, opened Doha Metro Red Line South

On 8 May 2019, RKH Qitarat, the joint venture consisting of RATP Dev, Keolis and Hamad Group¹, opened the first section of the Doha metro to the public. This follows the award in December 2017 by Qatar Rail of a contract to operate and maintain Qatar's first urban rail transport network for a period of 20 years. The network includes three automated metro lines in Doha, the Qatari capital, and four tram lines located in the city of Lusail.

On 8 May 2019, the Doha Metro Red Line South opened to the public. Initial operation includes 13 out of 18 stations of the line, which will connect Al Qassar in the North to Al Wakrah in the South. For this first stage of the launch, service will be ensured from Sunday to Thursday, from 8am to 11pm. It is an important stage for testing the Doha Metro system with passengers, providing an opportunity to evaluate and review the performance in preparation for the full operation of the network in 2020.

This major urban project is of crucial importance for the region as 90% of the Qatari population currently live in Doha and its surrounding suburbs (equivalent to 2.6 million people). Qatar wants to make the city of Doha more attractive to visitors and facilitate the daily journeys of the population as the country prepares for the post-fuel extraction era.

The Doha metro will be completely automated and driverless, incorporating three lines (Red, Green and Gold) 75km of track and 37 stations. It will be equipped with Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) technology — a control system based on WiFi communication between vehicles and computers controlling traffic. The metro network, which is expected to be completed by 2020, will carry 650,000 passengers per day.

¹ RATP Dev and Keolis (49%) and the Qatari company Hamad Group (51%)



The Lusail light rail network will cover 18km of track and consist of four lines serving 25 stations in total. What makes this light rail different is that 50% of the network will be underground.

Since the award of the contract, RKH Qitarat has hired almost 1,000 employees and recruited nearly as many sub-contractors.

“We are delighted to open the first line of the Doha metro today. This opening represents a major milestone in the launch of Qatar’s first urban rail network. We are proud to collaborate with Qatar Rail on a project which will facilitate the mobility of residents and visitors in Doha and Lusail and we will do our utmost to provide a world class service quality and an amazing mobility experience” said Thierry Couderc, RKH Qitarat CEO and Managing Director.

Developing public transport is one of the key priorities of ‘Qatar Vision 2030’, the strategic plan established in 2008, which has served the government as a road map for the state’s economic, social and environmental development. The Emir of Qatar has strong development ambitions and seeks to become a global reference for smart cities. After significantly developing its road infrastructure, the state has made major investments in urban mobility and public transport to reduce serious congestion on its major roads.

About RKH Qitarat:

RKH Qitarat is a consortium between RATPDev, Keolis and Hamad Group for a multi-billion, 20-year contract for the operation and maintenance of Doha Metro and Lusail Light Rail Transit (Tram) projects.

As of December 2017, RKH Qitarat was formally awarded the opportunity to manage and operate both Doha Metro and Lusail Tram Projects by Qatar Rail.

About the Hamad Group:

Hamad Group is a diversified group owned by Sheikh Hamad Bin Suhaim H. Al.Thani. It is active in construction, real estate and trading, both in Qatar and on international markets.

About RATP Dev



Founded in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 14 countries on four continents (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, India, China, South Korea, the Philippines, and the United States of America). With more than 1.5 billion passengers travelling on its networks every year, RATP Dev demonstrates every day its extensive and renowned expertise in a wide range of mobility services, ranging from rail, regional express rail, tramway, to bus, cable car and sightseeing activities. RATP Dev leverages in France, outside of Paris, and across international markets, the technical expertise and experience of RATP Group, the leader in driverless and tramway operations and operator of the Paris network, one of the largest public transportation networks in the world.

About Keolis:

Keolis, a pioneer in the development of public transport services, works with public decision makers aiming to enhance the attractiveness and vitality of their territories using shared mobility. Global leader in the operation of automated metro and tram networks, Keolis is committed to a policy of strong, open innovation with all its partners and subsidiaries: Kisio, EFFIA, Keolis Santé, Cykleo. This commitment strengthens the core business and enables new, innovative and “customised” shared mobility offers for trains, buses and coaches, trolley buses, collective private driver services, river and sea shuttles, self-service bicycles, car-sharing, 100% electric automated shuttles, urban cable cars and other modes. In France, Keolis is no. 2 in the parking market with its subsidiary EFFIA and no. 1 in medical transport, since Keolis Santé was created in July 2017.

70% owned by SNCF and 30% by CDPQ (Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec), the Group employs 65,000 people in 16 countries, and generated turnover of €5.9 billion in 2018. In the same year, 3.3 billion passengers used one of the shared mobility services proposed by Keolis. www.keolis.com

* Keolis is historically present in France and has developed in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Senegal, Sweden, the UK and the USA.

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