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Deutsche Bahn orders 39 Coradia Lirex regional trains from Alstom

The German railway operator DB Regio AG has placed two orders with Alstom for 39 Coradia Lirex regional trains. Together, the orders are worth a total of approximately €150 million.

The first is for 12 Coradia Lirex trainsets which will operate on the Munich-Passau line and will enter service at the end of 2009. The second involves the supply of 27 Coradia Lirex trainsets for the region of Würzburg (Bavaria), eight of which will be put into service at the end of 2009 and the remaining 19 at the end of 2010. All the trains will be manufactured at Alstom's factory at Salzgitter, in Germany.

Coradia Lirex trains, which can operate at speeds of up to 160 kph, are characterised by their high degree of modularity. The length of the coaches, number of doors and the interior design can be adapted to the needs of operators and passengers. The arrangement of the multi-activity areas can be varied to suit the season, for example giving passengers more space in summer to stow their bicycles. A lowered floor and gangways between the coaches facilitate access onto and movement on board the train, particularly for people with reduced mobility.

95% recyclable, Coradia Lirex trains exemplify the environmental approach applied by Alstom. This achievement results from taking into account, right from the project design phase, parameters which make it possible to control the trains' impact on the environment throughout their lifecycle, from manufacturing to recycling. In addition, the energy management system with which they are equipped reduces the consumption of the traction and auxiliary systems.

Since the launch of the first regional trains from the Coradia Lirex range in 2002, Alstom has sold almost 200 trainsets in Germany and Sweden. In Germany, DB Regio AG has ordered 76 Coradia Lirex trainsets.

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