

Media Release

Kaba Gilgen wins major order in Paris

Rümlang, 5 March 2007 – **Kaba gains a foothold in the French capital: Kaba Gilgen AG will be installing half-height platform screen doors on Parisian Métro lines 1 and 13. The work will be done in two stages for completion in 2011. This major project, which was put out to international tender by RATP, is worth CHF 70 million.**

At the end of February, Kaba Gilgen AG signed a framework agreement worth CHF 70 million with the Paris Métro. This major order includes the development, manufacture, installation and putting into operation of more than 10 km of platform screens fitted with 2,000 fully automatic, half-height platform screen doors. The systems will be installed in stages. The first tranche of the order, worth CHF 36 million, involves fitting out Métro line 1. Between May 2008 and September 2009, 54 platforms in 25 stations will be equipped with a total of 972 half-height platform screen doors. Line 13 will be fitted out in the second sub-project, which will see the installation of 1,020 fully automatic, half-height platform screen doors on 68 platforms at 32 stations.

Following an internal feasibility study in 2003, RATP (Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens) decided to equip all of the stations on the Parisian Métro with half-height platform screen doors by 2018. Thereby, it aims to improve passenger safety and increase the transportation capacity of the Métro lines. This will make Paris's Métro system more attractive and comfortable for guests.

Following an evaluation of pilot equipment installed in March 2006 by three suppliers, Kaba Gilgen was chosen for this prestigious project. The half-height platform screen doors separate the platform from the rails. Their installation will allow trains to arrive and leave at greater speed and reduce the time it takes to pick up and drop off passengers. This will allow a significantly greater frequency of trains. The half-height platform screen doors also fit in very well with the historic architectural environment of one of Europe's oldest underground railways. To ensure that Parisian Métro still runs smoothly during the work, Kaba Gilgen will only be installing the doors during the night for periods of no more than 3 hours at a time.

Following the successful completion of major projects in New York and Hong Kong, and the projects currently running in Kaoshiung, Taipei, Shanghai and Beijing, this new order gives Kaba Gilgen a foothold in Europe, too. In general, there is a great need for modernization across Europe's existing metro transport systems. In Paris alone, 11 further metro lines and more than 200 stations are scheduled for modernization by 2018. Cities such as Madrid, Barcelona, London, Moscow, Istanbul, Milan and Rome will also gradually be modernizing their metros in the years to come. By winning this tender for Europe's first and largest modernization project involving platform screen doors, Kaba Gilgen has established an excellent position for itself in this promising market.



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