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On the occasion of the UITP Global Public Transport Summit 2017 in Montreal, and in the presence of Messrs. Masaki Ogata “UITP President”, Pere Calvet “President-Elect of UITP” and Alain Flausch “UITP Secretary General”. Public Transport Company (PTC), the joint-venture between RATP Dev and SAPTCO, signs major agreements with Mercedes-Benz and with MAN to acquire around 1,000 buses that will be operated in the future Riyadh bus network. Today’s agreements are significant achievements towards the commissioning of a world-class bus network in the capital city of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“RATP Dev is particularly proud to be alongside its Saudi partner SAPTCO for this highly ambitious project. These major order agreements mark an important stage in one of the most remarkable contracts in our Group’s history, setting us up in a region where there are many new transport infrastructure projects,” says Laurence BATLLE, Chairwoman of the Executive Board of RATP Dev. Khalid ALHOGAIL, MD-CEO of SAPTCO and Chairman of PTC, adds “This project, combines the internationally acknowledged expertise of RATP Dev, with the experience and detailed field knowledge of SAPTCO. We will implement all our know-how to offer a high level of service quality and meet the expectations of the ArRiyadh Development Authority and passengers”.

All vehicles have been specifically designed for the Riyadh Bus Project with distinctive and iconic features by two leading global manufacturers Mercedes-Benz and MAN, underlines SAPTCO and RATP Dev joint commitment to deliver and operate a network boasting the highest international standards in terms of rolling stock, technologies and customer-oriented innovations.

“Mercedes-Benz and Juffali are proud to be a major partner in this vital and strategic project by introducing one of the highest-tech Mercedes-Benz buses with Euro 5 engines for the first time in the Saudi Market, this project shall be a milestone and a benchmark for a new era of the public transportation in Saudi Arabia” Amjad HADDAD says, National Sales Manager, Juffali Co. – Mercedes Benz General Distributor in KSA.

Rudi KUCHTA, MAN Senior Vice President, adds “For MAN and HHA, Distributor of MAN in KSA, are glad to participate in this important project which is a milestone in the GCC region. We are very proud to deliver the latest technology of MAN buses with the special design for this pioneer project.”



RATP Dev and SAPTCO, through their joint-venture, were awarded the contract by the ArRiyadh Development Authority (ADA) to mobilize, operate and maintain the future bus network in Riyadh. The network will be operated initially using a fleet of approx. 1,000 vehicles and will include 3 BRT lines, 21 commuter lines and more than 60 feeder lines (permanent and transport on demand). These lines will be introduced into service in three phases and will ultimately ensure 90 million kilometers annually targeting to transport more than 100 million passengers every year.

About RATP Dev

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