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ALSTOM WINS THREE ORDERS WORTH 54 MILLION FROM REGIONAL RAILWAY IN CHILE

Merval SA (Metro Regional de Valparaiso) has awarded ALSTOM three orders worth a total of 54 million as part of its Cuarta Etapa (Fourth Stage) project and its program for improvement and modernisation of passenger service on a 43-kilometer line between the port of Valparaiso and the city of Limanche.

In November 2002, Merval awarded ALSTOM a contract for the supply of 27 two-car X'TRAPOLIS trains and their maintenance over a 10-year period. Merval has now exercised an option in that contract for an additional 18 years of maintenance, an order worth 30 million. Including the two years of maintenance in the initial warranty period, ALSTOM will maintain the trains for 30 years.

Merval has also awarded ALSTOM contracts worth 24 million for signaling, train control and power supply for the railway line.

"We're delighted with this renewed vote of confidence in ALSTOM," said Philippe Mellier, President of ALSTOM Transport, "and we look forward to building on the long-term partnership we have established with Merval. These three new orders, along with the initial train order, demonstrate the breadth and competitiveness of ALSTOM's rail transport offerings."

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