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## The National Capital Region India awards contract for rapid transit system to Deutsche Bahn

**Deutsche Bahn International Operations has been commissioned to manage operations and maintenance for India's first regional rapid transit system • Knowledge and technology transfer will benefit rail in Germany, as will profits**

(Delhi/Berlin, July 4, 2022) DB subsidiary Deutsche Bahn International Operations (DB IO) has been awarded a multi-million-euro contract for India's first high-speed commuter transport project.

DB IO has been commissioned to manage the operation and maintenance of the regional rapid transit system (RRTS) that National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) is implementing. The project will connect the cities of Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut. It will cover 82 kilometers, 25 stations and two depots.

The twelve-year contract is worth over a hundred million. DB IO will operate 40 trains on the Delhi-Meerut RRTS corridor and will also be responsible for maintaining the rail infrastructure. Once fully operational, the network is expected to carry more than 800,000 passengers a day.

"We are thrilled to have this opportunity to operate the Delhi-Meerut corridor and help foster an Indo-German partnership for green urban mobility," said Niko Warbanoff, Chairman of the Managing Board of the DB E.C.O. Group, which DB IO belongs to. "This project will enable us to actively support sustainable urban development and help alleviate traffic congestion in one of the world's largest metropolitan areas, with a population of more than 46 million."

"At NCRTC, we are looking forward to a mutually beneficial partnership with DB. The RRTS project will benefit from the global expertise and experience of DB in tech-driven operations & predictive maintenance which will help in providing comfortable and safe commute to the passengers. This partnership will bring about a paradigm shift in the O&M of rail-based transit in India which will open up new opportunities for DB. I believe that RRTS, which is a flagship project of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, will begin a new chapter for the rail-based transport system in our country.", said Mr. Vinay Kumar Singh, Managing Director, NCRTC.

Following on from a contract in Toronto worth billions, the Delhi project is the second major international passenger transport project secured by DB IO in 2022. "We are successfully exporting German railway and climate protection expertise," said Warbanoff. "And through a transfer of technology and knowledge, we are also adding a great deal of value for rail in Germany."

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This technology and knowledge transfer, coupled with a reinvestment of profits, will help build a strong rail system in Germany. The rapid transit network will be equipped with state-of-the-art ETCS Level 2/Hybrid Level 3 technology in combination with automatic train operation (ATO). This technology is also slated for deployment in Germany soon. It allows for train communications based on LTE technology, which is much more effective than conventional GSM. The National Capital Region (India) is one of the first places in the world where the technology is being deployed. Operations are scheduled to start in 2023.

DB IO specializes in operating and maintaining rail transport systems and is responsible for DB's international operator projects outside Europe.

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