

Press Release**Eiffage starts work on Dakar regional express train project in Senegal under a contract worth more than €370 million**

Eiffage officially launched the first (infrastructure) phase of construction of the Dakar regional express train (TER) link at a ceremony attended by Senegal's President Macky Sall on December 14. This project will put Dakar city centre just 45 minutes away from the future Blaise-Diagne international airport (AIBD), with trains running every 15 minutes. There will also be local trains stopping at 14 suburban stations, with two new stations at Diamniadio and Blaise-Diagne airport.

The contract worth €373.5 million (245 billion CFA francs) was awarded by the Senegalese Government – the project owner, represented by the APIX investment promotion and major projects agency – to a consortium including Eiffage (leader with a 45% share) through its Eiffage Génie Civil, Eiffage Rail and Eiffage Senegal subsidiaries, along with Turkish company Yapi Merkezi and Senegal's CSE (Compagnie Sahélienne d'Entreprise).

The project entails designing and constructing 55 kilometres of high-speed electric railway line (for speeds up to 160 km/h) with two tracks at UIC standard gauge, and shifting and renovating the existing metric gauge track. Passenger and freight traffic will continue to run during the work which will involve replacing existing level crossings with 35 engineering structures (grade-separated crossings and railway bridges), moving secondary roads and building 46 footbridges.

Work on the project's two stages of 37 km between Dakar and Diamniadio and 18 km between Diamniadio and Blaise-Diagne airport is to be completed in 41 months.

About Eiffage

Eiffage is one of Europe's leading construction and concessions companies. The Group's activities are organised on the basis of the following business lines: construction, real estate, civil engineering, metal, roads, energy and concessions. Thanks to the experience of more than 64,000 employees, Eiffage generated revenues of €13.9 billion in 2015, including 19% outside France.

About Eiffage Génie Civil

Eiffage Génie Civil specialises in engineering structures, facility civil engineering, underground works, maritime and river works, earthwork, demolition and decontamination, foundations and structural repairs.

About Eiffage Rail

Eiffage Rail is a player in all aspects of railway construction work.

About Eiffage Senegal

Established in Senegal for 90 years, Eiffage Senegal is actively involved in the fields of construction and public works. It recently handed over the second section of the "Autoroute de l'Avenir" linking the city of Dakar to the future Blaise-Diagne international airport.

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