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Stadler delivers to MOB six metre-gauge locomotives

The Montreux Oberland Bernois Railway Company (MOB) and Stadler today signed a contract for six new metre-gauge locomotives for passenger and rail services. Thanks to the power and versatility of the new locomotives, which have been specially customised for the MOB, it is possible to increase performance and safety on the MOB line. The signing of this contract confirms Stadler's leading role in producing tailor-made locomotives.

The Montreux Oberland Bernois Railway Company (MOB) and Stadler signed a contract for the manufacture and delivery of a total of six new high-performance metre-gauge locomotives for passenger and rail services. Four four-axle electric locomotives will be used for passenger services operated by the Goldenpass Express premium train on the MOB metre-gauge line. The two other identical hybrid locomotives are intended for rail services and infrastructure maintenance. Thanks to this order, the company's old vehicles will be replaced by modern ones in the typical design of the Stadler locomotive family. The metre-gauge locomotives were purchased as part of a joint tender with Transports de la Région Morges-Bière-Cossonay (MBC).

"We are proud to have been awarded this contract by MOB. Our metre-gauge locomotives specially developed for MOB will continue to successfully pull the Goldenpass Express premium train built by Stadler, whilst allowing old rail service locomotives to be replaced. We are convinced that the new innovative, tailore-made vehicles will meet MOB's requirements. We would like to thank MOB for their trust," says Christian König, Deputy Head of Sales & Marketing at Stadler.

"The arrival of these modern, innovative locomotives will secure the long-term future of the Goldenpass Express, one of the most beautiful trains in the world. This opens up new horizons for us to satisfy an increasingly numerous and demanding clientèle," says Georges Oberson, CEO of the Montreux Oberland Bernois Railway Company, who thanks the cantons of Vaud, Fribourg and Bern, as well as the federal government, for their confidence in the development of the Goldenpass Express. He concludes by emphasising that MOB embodies everything that people love about Switzerland.

Metre-gauge locomotives for passenger services

The metre-gauge locomotives for passenger services will be used as traction units for the Goldenpass Express premium train.

With an output of 3 MW, they can pull and push the train, which increases the possible uses and flexibility in operation. The locomotives are equipped with the latest technology and the necessary tractive force for the demanding Meterpur route of the Goldenpass Express. They allow a maximum speed of 100 km/h.

Metre-gauge locomotives for rail services

Like the Goldenpass Express locomotives, the modern, powerful locomotives are also 17 metres long and have four powered axles. The locomotives are designed for rail services and are equipped with a hybrid drive to haul service or construction trains without overhead contact lines.

Both locomotive models are new developments that have been customised precisely to the requirements of MOB and other rail operators.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang, eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of over 14,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 80 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.

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