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Stadler to modernise safety systems for Chemins de fer du Jura

On 8 January 2025, Stadler Signalling and Chemins de fer du Jura (CJ) signed a contract to renew the signalling systems at Tavannes station and Orange depot in the Bernese Jura. This is part of the CJ's project to modernise half of its Tavannes-Le Noirmont line by 2027, using the latest generation of electronic interlockings to make rail operations safer and more punctual. The contract is worth CHF 4.3 million.

In order to improve services and cater for the growing number of passengers, Chemins de fer du Jura (CJ), the federal government and the cantons, are investing several million francs each year to modernise the CJ rail network, including tracks and overhead lines. The main focus is to install electronic signal boxes and renew train control systems. This will guarantee a punctual and safe railway at all times and form the basis of further developments on the CJ's route.

Proven technology

As a result of the upgrade, passengers will in future reach their destination safely, more punctually, more comfortably, and faster. This will be achieved thanks to the use of the latest generation of electronic interlockings, which will be installed at Tavannes station and Orange depot by 2027. On 8 January 2025, CJ and Stadler Signalling, based in Wallisellen (ZH), signed an implementation contract worth around CHF 4.3 million. The modernisation of the signalling systems is part of the conversion work required to ensure that the stations comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (BehiG).

In July 2019, the CJ commissioned Stadler to overhaul the safety systems at Tramelan station. Completion of the work on the three stations will mean that half of the safety systems on the Tavannes-Le Noirmont line will have been modernised.

The Stadler EUROLOCKING safety systems scheduled to be installed at Tavannes station, Orange station and at Tramelan station are based on proven technology, as Stadler has already upgraded the Bellevue, Saignelégier, Alle, Alle Centre, Vendlincourt and Bonfol stations on the CJ network.

Contribution to the modernisation of regional public transport

Marc Trippel, CEO of Stadler Signalling: "I am very pleased that we can build on our collaboration with Chemin de fer du Jura and renew the signalling technology in more stations. This contract demonstrates Stadler's contribution to the modernisation of rail transport in the Bernese Jura and represents the expansion of Stadler Signalling in the Swiss signalling technology market".

Jean-Frédéric Python, Director of Chemins de fer du Jura, is delighted to be able to sign this contract with a partner who has mastered these new digital technologies: "Several years ago, the CJ took the decision to install this new EUROLOCKING technology. But today, thanks to the experience we have gained, we are 'lucky' to be able to work with Stadler Signalling. We can count on a reliable partner, based relatively close by. This proximity means that we have a breakdown service on hand, enabling us to minimise disruption for our passengers. It means that we can offer a service that is pleasant, reliable and sustainable.

Caption to the signing of the contract at the EUROLOCKING signal box in Bonfol, from left to right: Ivan Perrin, Head of Infrastructure Department CJ; Jean-Frédéric Python, Director of CJ; Julien Veya, Head of Signalling Romandie Stadler; Marc Trippel, Director Division Signalling Stadler.

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 in eastern Switzerland. More than 14,500 employees work at several production and engineering sites and over 80 service locations, including over 5,300 employees in Switzerland. The company is aware of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the mainline and urban transport sector includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, underground trains, tram-trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures mainline locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger coaches. Stadler is the world's leading manufacturer of rack-and-pinion railway vehicles.

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