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Press release

QDVC, a subsidiary of VINCI, signs contract for the final works phase of the Lusail LRT in Qatar

- A design-build contract with a value of about €2 billion in a consortium with Alstom,
- Turnkey handover of the light rail system in 2018 (yellow line) and 2020 (green, red and purple lines)

After winning the first works phases for the light rail transit system (LRT) in Lusail, Qatar, in 2007 and 2011, QDVC, a 51% Qatari Diar, 49% VINCI Construction Grands Projets subsidiary, has won the contract covering the last phase of the project.

The new contract was signed in Paris on 23 June 2014 at a ceremony attended by François Hollande, President of the French Republic, and His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, who is on an official visit to France.

This design-build contract with a value of about €2 billion will be built by QDVC in a consortium with Alstom. It comprises construction of 25 stations and a depot, architectural and electro-mechanical works packages, integrated project management, delivery by Alstom, for €750 million, of 35 trains equipped with catenary-free technology, track-laying, energy supply and telecommunications as well as control systems. The light rail system is scheduled to begin operating in 2018 (yellow line) and 2020 (green, red and purple lines).

The city of Lusail, a new urban development with a population of 200,000 north of Doha, the capital of Qatar, will welcome up to 450,000 users per day. Sustainable development was a primary criterion in planning the new city. From the start, the design included the creation of a public transport system to limit greenhouse gas emissions. QDVC completed the civil engineering works on the first phases of the infrastructure (7 km of tunnels, 7 underground and 4 above-ground stations, as well as an access viaduct to the depot) and is currently building the Pearl station, which will connect the Lusail light rail with the Doha metro system, also under construction.

In seven years, VINCI Construction Grands Projets has become, through QDVC, a major construction player in Qatar. After handing over the country's largest wastewater pumping station, the company is currently working on several projects: a new motorway on the outskirts of Doha (the New Orbital Highway), the Doha metro (southern works package of the red line) and the underground car park and landscaped gardens at the Sheraton hotel in the West Bay business district.

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