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VINCI wins phase 2 of Cairo metro line 3

VINCI Construction Grands Projets, as consortium leader, has signed a contract with Egypt's National Authority for Tunnels (NAT) for the civil engineering works package of Cairo's metro line 3. In addition, Eurovia Travaux Ferroviaires, as part of a separate consortium, has won the track installation works package.

The civil engineering contract, worth €323 million, calls for building a 7.2 km section of tunnel and four underground stations, which are scheduled for opening in October 2013 after 51 months of works.

Eurovia Travaux Ferroviaires, a VINCI subsidiary, has been declared winner of the track contract, worth €20 million. This package calls for supplying and laying 14 km of track and power rail in the tunnel.

These new contracts reflect the confidence shown by the Egyptian Ministry of Transport in VINCI for almost 20 years. The Group built lines 1 and 2 of the Cairo metro and is currently carrying out phase 1 of line 3. Phase 1 is scheduled for completion in October 2011; 60% of the works have been completed to date.

The first line of Cairo's metro was built by VINCI in the early 1980s. It now carries over 2 million passengers a day. The second line (22 km) was opened in the 1990s. It has 20 stations – 12 of them underground stations – and carries 1.8 million passengers a day.

This commercial success illustrates VINCI's ability to execute turnkey metro projects. Apart from lines 1 and 2 of the Cairo metro, the Group's recent prestigious references include the Budapest, Algiers, Athens, Hong Kong, Rennes and Paris (line 14) metros.

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