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Akiem and Lineas Renew Their Partnership for a Four-Year Plan

Saint-Ouen, June 16, 2025 - Akiem, the European leader in locomotive and passenger train leasing and maintenance, and Lineas, the largest private freight operator in Europe, are renewing their partnership with new multi-year contracts for the leasing of Prima BB27000, BB37000, and BB75000 locomotives, and are pursuing their shared ambition to promote modal shift.

Promoting Modal Shift to Rail

Mainly carried out by trucks, road freight transport currently accounts for approximately 10% of CO₂ emissions in Europe, and 13% in France according to ADEME, and causes significant disruption to public health and severe congestion on road infrastructure. With freight transport projected to grow by 30% in Europe by 2030, the situation is likely to deteriorate rapidly without corrective measures. Faced with this alarming situation, the development of rail transport appears to be an essential solution, regardless of the mode of propulsion. By shifting a larger share of freight transport to rail, the carbon footprint can be significantly reduced and road traffic streamlined. It is in this context that Akiem, the European leader in locomotive leasing and maintenance, and Lineas, the largest private freight operator in Europe, are renewing their partnership.

Two committed players

Akiem's Locomotive Leasing business offers essential flexibility to rail operators by providing solutions tailored to their specific traction and interoperability needs with a fleet of over 750 locomotives. This equipment, rigorously maintained, complies with the regulatory requirements and infrastructure of each network on which operators wish to operate. Lineas places modal shift to rail at the heart of its model. With its private rail network, the most extensive in Europe, Lineas is able to offer its customers fast, reliable, and environmentally

friendly transport solutions. With numerous daily connections across the continent, Lineas offers a high-performance and sustainable alternative to road transport.

A locomotive leasing contract renewed until 2030

In 2024, Lineas leased 32 Prima locomotives developed by Alstom to Akiem and operated them on the French rail network. These locomotives, both electric (Prima BB27000 and BB37000) and diesel (Prima BB75000), enable modal shift to non-electrified lines and reduce energy consumption by a factor of six compared to road transport. In 2025, Lineas will increase the size of its fleet leased to Akiem, increasing the number of locomotives from 32 to 39 across these two fleets, as part of a four-year multi-year commitment.

"We are extremely honored by this new contract with Lineas, which extends and develops a partnership relationship initiated nearly 15 years ago. We intend to provide Lineas with ever-improving service in terms of cost, reliability, flexibility, and safety. Our offering is based on our Prima Alstom fleet, in which we have invested heavily with a major overhaul program and a new maintenance system. With Lineas, we are consolidating our position as a leader in the sector and helping to strengthen the competitiveness of rail in the freight transport sector." - Fabien Rochefort, CEO of Akiem.

"We are very pleased to continue our collaboration with the Akiem teams. This renewal demonstrates the confidence we place in their expertise and the quality of their services. We are able to offer our customers ever more efficient and competitive rail freight solutions. We are convinced that the collaboration with Akiem will enable us to accelerate our development and strengthen our position in the freight transport market." – Erik Van Ockenburg, CEO of Lineas.

About Akiem

Akiem is a leading European provider of services to rail operators, manufacturers, and local authorities. The company offers a fleet of 750 locomotives and 42 passenger vehicles as well as solutions covering the entire rolling stock value chain. Akiem has over 100 customers and is present in 22 European countries. The majority of its 400-plus staff members are based in France, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Italy, Hungary and the United Kingdom.

Akiem runs a comprehensive, certified Entity in Charge of Maintenance (ECM) industrial ecosystem built around a pan-European network of workshops and extensive stocks of spare parts for maintaining rolling stock provided to its customers.

Akiem is owned by CDPQ, a global investment group strongly committed to the development of low-carbon infrastructure.

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About Lineas

Lineas is the largest private rail freight company in Europe. Under the motto "We decarbonize your supply chain," the company helps its customers reduce their CO₂ emissions by 90% and offers a sustainable solution with daily, reliable connections across the continent.

In recent years, the company has developed a unique, customer-centric, and uncompromising approach, typical of its entrepreneurial spirit. For example, its customers can benefit from a market-exclusive tool, MyLineas, which allows them to track their goods in real time.

Lineas has nearly 1,600 talented and passionate employees across Belgium, France, Germany, and the Netherlands, including more than 500 national and international drivers. The company has 240 locomotives and 6,200 wagons.

Lineas's head office is located in Brussels and the company is supported by its long-standing shareholders, Argos Wityu and SFPIM.

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