

Alstom and Kazakhstan Railways Partner to boost container cargo growth

- New solution for container cargo growth along the Middle Corridor*
- Advances localization efforts in the country
- Enhances industrialization and boosts economic development

November 5, 2024 - Alstom, global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, and Kazakhstan Railways (KTZ) signed a partnership agreement during the visit of His Excellency Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The agreement was signed by Nurlan Sauranbayev, CEO of KTZ, and Henri Poupart Lafarge, CEO of Alstom.

The agreement aims to implement innovative solutions that will support the development and growth of container cargo along the Middle Corridor. It builds on the successful 15-year collaboration between Alstom and KTZ by establishing a shared vision for the future of rail transport in Kazakhstan supported by strong localization of production.

"The successful cooperation between KTZ and Alstom has lasted for approximately 15 years. The continuation of this collaboration opens new opportunities for the implementation of modern technologies and the digital development of Kazakhstan's railway sector," stated Nurlan Sauranbayev, CEO of KTZ.

"This agreement with KTZ, reinforces our collaboration and commitment to advancing the railway sector in Kazakhstan. With over 1,200 employees in the country, we are dedicated to localizing our products and services to support the national economy. Kazakhstan's strategic position as a key regional hub with important transit corridors enables us to enhance our investment and partnership with the government and local stakeholders, further solidifying its role in the regional economy." stated Henri Poupart Lafarge, CEO of Alstom.

In addition to this milestone, Alstom is actively implementing the investment agreement established in 2023 with the Government of Kazakhstan, which includes a commitment of over €50 million into new industrial and infrastructure projects in the railway sector. This initiative involves the construction of service depots in four regions—Astana, Almaty, Arys, and Shu—to ensure continuous maintenance services for electric locomotives. The investment is expected to generate an additional 700 jobs, significantly contributing to local economic development. This agreement played a crucial role in Kazakhstan's transition to a diversified and high-tech-driven economy.

*The Middle Corridor, known also as the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route (TITR), is the shortest multimodal trade route that utilizes a combination of rail, road, and sea transportation to connect China and Europe by running through Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

About Alstom in Kazakhstan

Alstom has been a key player in Kazakhstan's rail industry since 2010, employing over 1,200 people and contributing significantly to transportation and infrastructure. As the sole manufacturer of electric locomotives in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Alstom operates 10 sites across six cities, including an Electric Locomotive Manufacturing Plant in Astana and multiple service depots. The company has delivered about 400 locomotive sections to Kazakhstan Temir Zholy JSC, providing comprehensive maintenance services, including repairs and overhauls. Prioritizing a diverse and inclusive workplace, Alstom champions gender and cultural diversity, earning recognition as a Global Top Employer in 2022, Kazakhstan Top Employer and Best Investor Award in 2024. Alstom is committed to advancing Kazakhstan's railway infrastructure through innovation, safety, and community engagement. For more information about Alstom in Kazakhstan, please visit [Alstom in Kazakhstan](#).

About Alstom

Alstom commits to contribute to a low carbon future by developing and promoting innovative and sustainable transportation solutions that people enjoy riding. From high-speed trains, metros, monorails, trams, to turnkey systems, services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility, Alstom offers its diverse customers the broadest portfolio in the industry. With its presence in 64 countries and a talent base of over 84,700 people from 184 nationalities, the company focuses its design, innovation, and project management skills to where mobility solutions are needed most. Listed in France, Alstom generated revenues of €17.6 billion for the fiscal year ending on 31 March 2024.

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