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THALES SIGNS CONTRACT OF 1BILLION € TO UPGRADE 4 LINES TO LONDON UNDERGROUND

REPRESENTING 40% OF LONDON NETWORK

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USPA NEWS - The French group THALES, won a contract of 760 million pounds, or 1 billion euros, with Transport for London. It is worthing a project of renovation of 4 historic lines (Circle, District, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City), of London Underground which transports 1.3 billion passengers per year.

THE CONTRACT CONCERNS MODERNISATION BY THALES OF ONE OF THE OLDEST TUBE WITH HISTORICAL LINES BACK TO 1863-----

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As part of the modernisation of the Tube, the London Underground is renovating four of its historic lines which represent 40% of the British capital network. Some sections of these lines date back to 1863, to the creation of the metro. Once these four lines modernised, London Underground attacks Piccadilly lines, Central, Bakerloo and Waterloo & City, in particular by introducing new trains and new control systems. This is not the first contract won in London by Thales Transportation Section. The French Group has modernised the Jubilee and Northern lines, whose frequencies were also increased.

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THE RENOVATION PROJECT LONDON UNDERGROUND REQUIRES 10 YEARS OF WORK AND CREATE 1 000 JOBS

-----According to Thales, the renovation project includes a refreshing of the oldest lines, but also the refurbished of the signalling and control systems to increase the frequency of trains. The aim is to increase a third transmission capacity of all the lines starting the works this year and ending by 2022

The signature and decision of the launching project responds to meet a growing demand in London. Moreover Londoner population, is brought to grow also gives extant attractiveness of this great metropolis attracting tourists but also expatriates came to work and settle down.-----Source: Government UK, London Underground, Thales Group

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