

PRESS RELEASE

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THE DAKAR TER REGIONAL EXPRESS LINE: TSO delivers the new freight line linking Dakar with Diamniadio

For the Dakar TER regional express project, the consortium of NGE Contracting, CIM and CDE led by TSO has completed work on rebuilding the historic 'metre-gauge' rail freight line. The new rail link is designed to substantially improve reliability of rail traffic to and from Dakar, eliminate derailment risks and optimise the line to handle increased traffic volumes.

Acting on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Land Transport and a Better-Connected Nation, APIX (Senegal's National Agency for Investment Promotion and Major Projects) awarded the TSO-led consortium the contract to lay 51 km of new rail track in just 2 years.

To deliver this project successfully, TSO hired and trained up to 160 employees and installed:

- 86,000 sleepers
- 5,700 tonnes of rails
- 23 points and crossovers
- 150,000 tonnes of ballast

As part of the wider Dakar TER regional express project, TSO, as lead contractor for the consortium of NGE Contracting, CIM and CDE, has now completed work on rebuilding the historic metre-gauge rail freight line to improve the reliability of traffic to and from Dakar, effectively eliminating derailing risks and creating the optimum conditions required to increase traffic on the line.

The new freight line will play a major role in the future economic development of Dakar by offering a new, up-to-date, safe and efficient communication route to respond decisively to the infrastructure needs of this fast-growing region.

For this project, TSO applied an operational model proven in France and around the world to ensure high levels of performance and security:

- the majority of the work was carried out by the experienced teams of TSO using the company's own equipment, which in addition to the standard tamping, grading and levelling machines and other locomotives, included the most advanced continuous rail welding machine in its fleet
- maintaining full control of the technical preparation work, purchasing and every link in the logistics chain made it possible to ensure continuity of supply throughout the project
- formalised processes, highly detailed preparation and follow-up, and the use of tailor-made production methods and team training all contributed to guaranteeing the quality of work done and full compliance with international standards
- the spirit of entrepreneurship that drives our teams to meet the day-to-day needs of their customer and the expectations of partners and local authority representatives

Key figures

- 86,000 sleepers
- 57,000 tonnes of rails
- 23 points and crossovers
- 150,000 tonnes of ballast

“This project has been a human, logistical and technical challenge that we have successfully met in an on-site environment with high levels of parallel working. Our success with this project has been achieved thanks to the commitment shown by all our teams to embrace continual adaptation to meet the needs of our customer. I'm particularly proud of the exceptional involvement of team members, which once again - and especially so given the health concerns of recent weeks - highlights their responsiveness, their ability to adapt working methods, and their strict enforcement of personal protective measures to complete the work under conditions that guaranteed the safety of everyone working on the project.”
Sylvain PELTIER, Country manager – Senegal

“This was our first new rail infrastructure project in Senegal. It has also been an excellent springboard for the NGE Group, because it demonstrates our ability to deliver infrastructure projects in Senegal as the basis for developing our global multi-expertise services.”
Michel VINAY, Director for French-speaking Africa

ABOUT TSO: Building on 95 years of experience in France and internationally, TSO puts its expertise to work on rail infrastructures and systems (rail network construction, replacement and maintenance, electrification and catenary upgrading, topography and rail software development, rail safety, etc.). In its commitment to innovation, TSO focuses its research on delivering improvements that combine quality with service efficiency and personnel safety. The development of synergies between TSO specialist sectors and the complementary disciplines of NGE allows the Group to offer a comprehensive package of products and services to its markets.

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ABOUT NGE GROUP: In France and around the world, the teams of NGE serve communities, regions and countries by designing, constructing and refurbishing infrastructures and buildings. The expertise and team working skills of the Group's more than 16,000 men and women give them the confidence to embrace and anticipate the changing nature of the jobs they do, and work closely with their customers. Reporting annual revenue of €2.8 billion, NGE is an independent French civil engineering company involved in the construction of major infrastructure projects, urban development programs and local development schemes in 17 countries.

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