



**ASTALDI AWARDED A NEW RAILWAY CONTRACT IN ALGERIA
TOTAL VALUE AT EUR 417 MILLION**

Astaldi to build a new 153 kilometre railway line

Rome, 27 December 2010 – The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Algeria, through *Agence Nationale d'Etude et du Suivi de la Réalisation des Investissements Ferroviaires* (ANESRIF), has awarded Astaldi, in a joint venture, the contract to design and build a new railway line along the Saida-Tiaret section. The works total EUR 417 million in value (Astaldi's share is 60%).

The contract involves the executive design and construction of 153 kilometres single track railway line with 41 railway bridges and viaducts, 35 road overpasses, as well as 4 main stations (2 of which for passengers, and 2 functioning as freight yard and maintenance station) and 9 switching stations.

Extending along the "*Rocade des Hauts Plateaux*" in interconnection with the Bechar- Mecheria-Oran line, the route is the natural continuation of the railway line linking Saida and Moulay-Slissen already being built, also by Astaldi. Works for this new initiative are forecast to begin in the half of 2011, and to last for 36 months.

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Listed in the STAR segment of the Italian stock exchange, Astaldi Group has been active for more than 80 years, in Italy and abroad, in designing and constructing large-scale civil engineering works.

The Group operates in the following areas:

- transport infrastructures (railways, undergrounds, roads, motorways, ports, and airports);*
- hydraulic works and energy production plants (dams, hydroelectric plants, waterworks, oil pipelines, gas pipelines, nuclear power plants and treatment plants);*
- civil and industrial construction (hospitals, universities, airports, law courts, car parks);*
- management under concession of works such as, healthcare facilities, transport infrastructures, car parks.*

The Group currently operates as a General Contractor capable of promoting financial aspects and coordinating all resources and skills for the optimal development and management of complex and high-value public works.

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