

Metro do Porto operations bid

**«Via Porto» is the name of the consortium
led by the Barraqueiro Group**



Lisbon, 18 June 2009 – «Via Porto» was the name chosen by the consortium led by the Barraqueiro Group for the Metro do Porto operation bid, which is currently being assessed.

The key element in selecting the new logo and consortium name was proximity, and it will clearly be identified with Oporto and the Metro project. The choice was also based on the notions of mobility and movement – the key ideas that led to the final concept: «Via Porto».

The Barraqueiro Group is the senior partner in the «Via Porto» consortium, which includes the Mota-Engil Group and the Keolis and Arriva companies. It brings together national and international specialists from the transport sector, whose proven track record and know-how are the main advantages of the partnership.

In the case of the Barraqueiro Group, mention should be made of the Fertagus rail project which is now ten years old and the Metro Sul do Tejo light railway.

The other national partner, the Mota-Engil Group, has over sixty years of experience and leads the Portuguese civil engineering and public works sector. Of special note is the work carried out by its subsidiary Manvia, a benchmark in terms of large scale rail network maintenance, and whose famous clients include REFER, Auto Estradas do Atlântico, FERTAGUS and AENOR.

In addition to the national Barraqueiro and Mota-Engil groups, the consortium also includes Keolis, one of France's largest private companies, which operates bus networks, light railways, funiculars, trolley buses and airport services. It operates in seven European countries and in Canada and is market leader in the supply of automatic metro systems, a sector in which it has over 25 years experience. It also runs a large number of Light Railway systems, in particular in the French cities of Lyon, Bordeaux and Lille.

The British operator Arriva, a shareholder in the Barraqueiro Group, is another member of the consortium. This multinational company employs over 43,000 people, spread across 12 European countries, where it provides road and rail passenger transport. Arriva has been in Portugal since



2000, and is an important player in terms of road passenger transport in the Porto and Lisbon metropolitan areas.

The consortium's know-how and its knowledge of the local situation are its strengths. Given the project's progress and in order to draw up the bids, the consortium has opened a new Office in Rua do Campo Alegre, in Oporto.

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