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## Medellin tram line provided by Alstom and NTL enters full service

The Ayacucho tram line, in Medellín, Colombia, was placed in full commercial service on March 31, 2016<sup>1</sup>. It was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Federico Gutierrez, the Mayor of Medellín, Ms. Claudia Patricia Restrepo, Chief Executive of the Medellín Metro, and Mr. Guillaume Legoupil, Sales Director of NTL. This 4.3-km line is expected to transport nearly 85,000 passengers a day.

Ordered in April 2012 by the Medellín Metro authority, 12 Translohr trams on tyres now run on this line. Their unique ability to overcome steep grades and fit into the existing infrastructure are particularly suited to the city's topography, with maximum grades of 12% and curves with a turning radius of 20 m along the route. These assets also help to optimize the total cost of the system: Less civil engineering work, lower infrastructure costs, and smaller maintenance facilities.

The Ayacucho is the first tram line on tyres in Latin America. It was inaugurated on October 20, 2015, entering partial service at no charge to passengers. Connections to two cable car lines that serve hard-to-access neighbourhoods are currently planned, one in July 2016 and one in early 2017.

### About NTL

*NTL is a provider of innovative solutions for public transport. The company designs and manufactures the Translohr line of easy-access tramways that run on rubber tyres. NTL's electrically-powered, high-capacity, accessible urban transport systems meet the green mobility needs of cities worldwide. NTL's tramways combine the advantages of a guided system using a single central rail, tight turn-capability for easy insertion into the existing urban road systems, rubber-to-road adhesion to climb steep slopes up to 13%, and near-silent operation in cities. Created in October 2012, the company is based in Duppigheim in the Alsace region of France, and has 250 employees. NTL is owned by Alstom (51%) and Bpifrance (49%).*  
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### About Alstom Transport

<sup>1</sup> The line entered partial service on October 20, 2015, for a segment **XX** kilometres long.

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