

**MTR Majority-owned Company Signs Franchise Agreement
to Operate and Maintain Melbourne Train System**

Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM), MTR Corporation's majority-owned subsidiary, has signed the franchise agreement with the State of Victoria Government in Australia to operate and maintain the Melbourne train system for an initial period of eight years beginning on 30 November 2009. MTM is 60% owned by the MTR. Two Australian rail industry organisations, UGL Rail and John Holland, own the remaining 40%.

"We are honoured and delighted to be selected by the State of Victoria Government and will soon introduce a series of measures to enhance the travelling experience for rail passengers in Melbourne," said Mr Lincoln Leong, Finance & Business Development Director of the MTR Corporation. "The award of this contract is further international recognition of MTR's ability to deliver safe, efficient, and reliable train services with a focus on quality customer service."

During the franchise period, MTM aims to improve reliability and safety of the network as well as expand capacity. MTM is also committed to providing high quality customer service by deploying more staff across the network.

The Melbourne train network comprises 15 lines spanning 372 kilometres. Approximately 3.4 million passenger trips are made on the network each week.

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Photo Caption:

1. Mr Hector McKenzie, Director of Public Transport, State of Victoria (1st left), Mr Lincoln Leong, Finance & Business Development Director, MTR Corporation (2nd left), Mr Carl Mociak, Executive General Manager, John Holland Rail Division (2nd right) and Mr David Simpson, Chief Commercial Officer, UGL (1st right) sign the franchise agreement for Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) to operate and maintain Melbourne's train network from 30 November 2009.



2. The CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM), Mr Andrew Lezala (left), outlines MTM's plans to improve service, reliability, and punctuality on Melbourne's train network. Looking on are the Premier of Victoria Mr John Brumby (centre) and Public Transport Minister Ms Lynne Kosky.

