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POMA HAS BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTING THE FIRST URBAN GONDOLA LIFT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

POMA—French leader in urban ropeway transportation—and their local partner J. Fortuna have just signed a 61 million euro contract for the construction of an urban gondola lift in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic. This aerial tramway will assure an easy and rapid connection between the centre and the north-east of the city by flying over the meandering Ozama River twice.



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Technical data:

- > Construction work starts: end of 2015
- > Commissioning date: end of 2016
- > Length: 5 km
- > Capacity: 3,000 p/h
- > Cabin capacity: 10 passengers
- > Number of towers: 23
- > Speed: 5.0 m/s

*The URBE (Unidad Ejecutora Para La Readecuacion De la Barquita Y Entornos) has the task of managing the «Santo Domingo-Est» development and mobility program.

Santo Domingo has an ever-growing population of 3 million inhabitants. Aware of the challenges raised by this increasing population, the authorities are focusing on offering inhabitants new and attractive ways to travel while reducing CO₂ emissions by promoting non-polluting transportation such as the ropeway.

POMA was chosen by the URBE* to build an urban gondola lift spanning 5 km with a capacity of 3,000 passengers per hour each way that will be connected directly to the Santo Domingo Metro. This aerial tramway line will harmoniously complete the urban transportation network as it will be directly connected to the Santo Domingo Metro station at Gualay (metro line 2). It continues on to serve the Tres Brasos and Sabana Perdida stations, providing the much needed connection to the bus network. It will continue through to the Charles de Gaulle station at the end of the line.

Once it is commissioned at the end of 2016, passengers will be able to take advantage of a safe, comfortable trip through the air. They will enjoy short travel times and wide service availability while flying over the jungle of traffic jams that accumulate every day at the entrance of the bridges crossing the Ozama River. These bridges are the only access roads linking the east to the centre of the city.

Jean Souchal, POMA Chairman of the Board, stated: «We are proud to have been chosen to build the first urban gondola lift in the Dominican Republic. With the city of Santo Domingo, POMA will once again prove that ropeway transportation is at the heart of intermodality for the cities of tomorrow. It is the future of urban planning and THE solution to the numerous problems cities encounter when dealing with daily transport in highly populated urban settings.»

A B O U T POMA

With over 8,000 lifts built worldwide over the past 80 years, the French POMA Group has become a leading player in rope transportation. POMA innovates all around the globe and has demonstrated its know-how and expertise in urban rope transportation, mountain, tourism, entertainment, science and industry. In 2014 POMA's revenue reached 290.6 million euros.

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