

Izmir suburban order

TURKEY: On July 10 Spanish rolling stock manufacturer CAF signed a €123m contract to supply 22 three-car suburban EMUs to IZBAN, a joint venture of state railway TCDD and Izmir Metropolitan Municipality.

The 25 kV AC units will enter service on suburban routes in Izmir from early 2010. They will have stainless steel body shells and a maximum capacity of 740 passengers, with on-board facilities including passenger information systems, video entertainment and CCTV.

This is the Spanish firm's third Turkish project in recent years, bringing its total orders in the country to more than €400m. A 2005 contract covered 10 inter-city trains for the Ankara – Istanbul line, and was followed with an order for a further two trainsets at the end of 2007. In mid-2007 the city of Antalya awarded a joint venture of CAF and Turkish firm ALARCO a €110m contract to build a 11.1 km light rail line and supply 14 trams. ↩