

French firms ink pact to make Metro-3 trains

Mumbai: Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited has signed an agreement to procure state-of-the-art metro trains with a consortium in France for the Colaba-Seepz corridor. The metro transport agency signed the pact with a consortium of Alstom Transport India Ltd and Alstom Transport.

The contract had been awarded to Alstom on July 19 this year as it was the most competitive of the bidders.

The scope of work for the company is to design, manufacture, supply, install, test and commission 31 trains with eight cars. Each train will be able to carry 2,350 passengers—about 300 in each coach. The coaches will have longitudinal seating—like the Versova-Ghatkopar Metro coaches have.

A spokesperson of the Metro agency said this is a step towards Mumbaikars' to comfort and safety. **TNN**