



Media Release

Kaba wins CHF 4.7 million order for platform screen doors in Shanghai

Rümlang, 9 December 2005 – **Together with a local partner, Kaba won the international tender issued by Shanghai Railway Traffic Shensong Line Development Co. Ltd. Kaba Gilgen AG, a Kaba Group company, and its Chinese affiliate will install latest-generation platform screen doors along a total length of 2.9 kilometers on Shanghai's new Line 9 subway. The project will take three years to complete and for Kaba Gilgen AG involves deliveries and services worth approximately CHF 4.7 million.**

With this contract awarded for the Shensong Line (No. 9) of the Shanghai mass transit system in China's largest and most dynamic metropolis, Kaba Door Systems continues to consolidate its position in Asia. "The decisive factors for the customer's choice was not just our experience in the domain of platform screen doors – based on more than 40 years of successful development work in the automatic door segment –, but also the excellent references we earned in New York, Toulouse, and Hong Kong," said Jakob Gilgen, Kaba Door Systems' COO. "Especially in technically sensitive facilities involving mass transit systems, product reliability is absolutely paramount."

Safety made in Switzerland

Starting in January 2006, Kaba will begin to equip the stations of the new Number 9 subway line with latest-generation platform screen doors. They form a physical barrier between the platforms and the track bed and comply with the most stringent safety requirements. As soon as the train has stopped in the station, its car doors and the congruent platform screen doors open simultaneously to allow unhindered passenger flows. By the summer of 2008, twenty platforms with a total length of 2.9 kilometers will have been equipped with some 600 automatic doors. All core components of the facility, such as drives and control systems, will be developed and manufactured in Switzerland. Technical planning and installation procedures will be handled in Switzerland as well. However, the glass and metal front elements will be produced directly in Shanghai. A local Kaba Gilgen team is responsible for on-site project management.

Greater cost-effectiveness and added convenience

In many from-scratch projects, platform screen doors are already the standard. The demand for closed, full-height partitions is particularly brisk in southern or subtropical countries where they help reduce energy consumption in the public transportation sector. Stations equipped with platform screen doors can be more efficiently air-conditioned. Additionally, the physical barrier between the platform and the rail area enhances the safety of the mass transit system. As the trains whisk into the stations, waiting passengers are protected against pressure waves, dust, and the potential hazards of exposed track. The deployment of platform screen doors allows trains to safely enter stations at higher speeds and shorter intervals. This increases the capacity of the transportation system, a welcome gain in convenience for passengers.

Kaba Door Systems remains right on track

For Kaba Gilgen AG, a Kaba Group company, automatic doors for public transportation systems have evolved to become a significant source of business in the past decade. After its 1993 market entry with platform screen doors in France and the contract to equip the stations of the AirTrain at the JFK Airport in New York in late 1998, Kaba Door Systems further strengthened its market presence when it won a major contract in Hong Kong in 2000. To date, the platform screen doors project in Hong Kong remains the first and largest retrofit project of its kind without disrupting ongoing subway service. In addition to other ongoing projects in Taiwan and Hong Kong, a CHF 2.2 million pilot project involving half-height platform screen doors will be launched in Taipei starting in 2006.



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