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MTR Subsidiary Metro Trains Sydney Commences Service of Transformative under-harbour Metro Extension to Central Business District Significantly Increasing Sydney's Public Transport Capacity

MTR Corporation is pleased to announce that its subsidiary Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) has successfully launched the Sydney Metro extension today (19 August 2024) that connects the city's Northwest to the Central Business District (CBD) via new twin railway tunnels beneath Sydney Harbour.

The opening of the new extension is the major milestone in the development of Sydney's public transportation. As the operator of Sydney Metro, MTS has been consistently committed to providing passengers with efficient, safe, and high-quality service. At ultimate capacity, there is a train every four minutes in the peak. The new extension can move more people across Sydney Harbour in the busiest hour of the peak time than the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel combined.

With the opening of this 15.5 km extension, combined with the existing North West Line currently in operation by MTS, the total length of the network has increased to 51.5 km. Simultaneously, the full line has been renamed as the "M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line".

"We are very pleased to see the smooth and successful launch of the new metro extension into the heart of Sydney's CBD. This state-of-the-art fully automated railway service delivers significant time savings for passengers on their daily journeys and will play an important part in the growth and development of the city. Working closely together with the NSW State Government and our partners, MTR is proud to have contributed its Hong Kong and global expertise to this railway line including project works, such as the integration of the new extension with the existing North West Metro Line, through to testing, commissioning and the commencement of passenger service," said Dr Jacob Kam, Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation.

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MTR Corporation has been steadily expanding its overseas and Mainland China businesses, exporting its high-quality railway management and services to enhance its competitiveness and build the Hong Kong brand.

MTR Corporation, as a shareholder and delivery partner in the Northwest Rapid Transit Consortium (NRT), initially participated in delivery of the Metro North West Line under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract. The contract was extended in late 2019 to include new metro trains and core rail systems for the CBD extension (City & Southwest), as well as a combined operations and maintenance package up to 2034. MTS, a subsidiary of the MTR Corporation, began operations in 2019 on the Sydney Metro North West Line, a 36 km railway system with 13 stations.

Works are ongoing to further extend the M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line from Sydenham to Bankstown by upgrading the existing T3 Bankstown Line to metro standards. Upon completion, the entire line will reach a total length of 66 km with 31 stations.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of MTR's railway operations in Australia, starting in 2009 with our subsidiary Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) which plays an integral part in the lives of millions of Melbournians with services across more than 220 stations, and later extending to Sydney Metro North West Line which has achieved outstanding performance with 98% customer satisfaction and 99% service reliability.

With the professionalism of MTR's teams in Sydney and Melbourne, we will continue to deliver excellent railway service and undertake our commitment to the local communities we serve in Australia. We are always committed to providing the best traveling experience to our passengers.

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About MTR Corporation

To Keep Cities Moving, MTR makes encounters happen and rendezvous for a more connected tomorrow. As a recognised world-class operator of sustainable rail transport services, we are a leader in safety, reliability, customer service and efficiency.

MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with 45 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

With more than 50,000 dedicated staff*, MTR carries over 10 million passenger journeys worldwide every weekday in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Australia, the United Kingdom and Sweden. Together, we Go Smart and Go Beyond.

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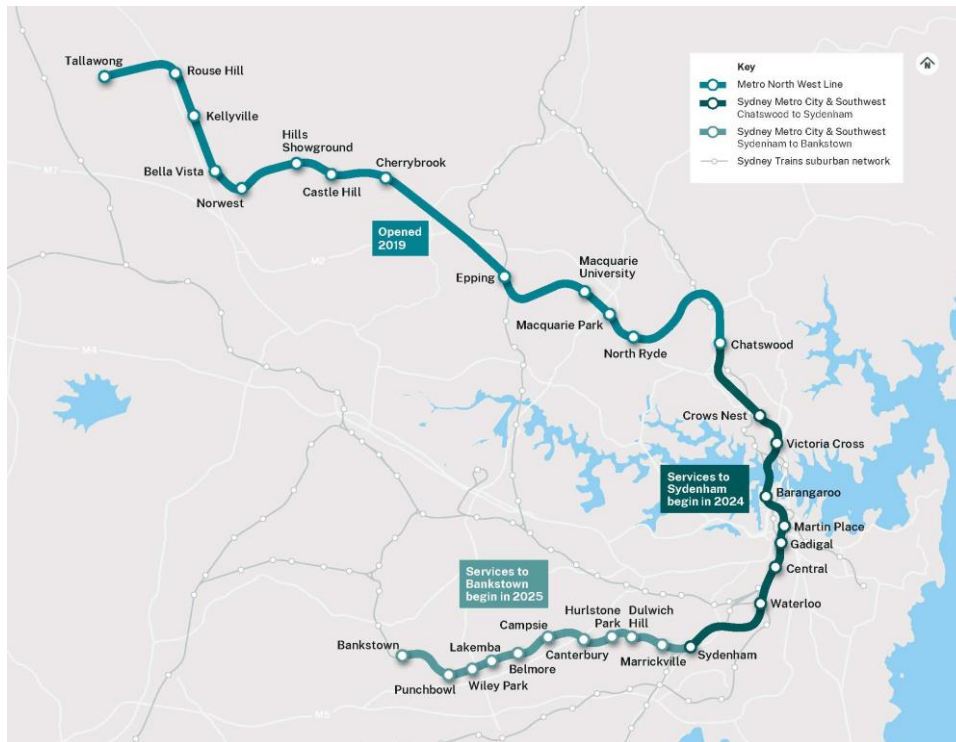
*includes our subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in Hong Kong and worldwide

Photo Captions:

1. Metro Trains Sydney, a subsidiary of MTR Corporation, launched train service connecting Sydney's Northwest to the CBD on a 15.5-km metro line extension serving eight additional stations on 19 August 2024.



2. M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line



3. Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation Dr Jacob Kam (1st from left) and Property and International Business Director Mr David Tang (2nd from right) joined New South Wales Minister for Transport Ms Jo Haylen (centre), Deputy Director – Australian Business Mr Raymond Yuen (1st from right) and Chief Executive Officer - Metro Trains Sydney Mr Daniel Williams (2nd from left) on the first passenger train for the launch of the new Sydney Metro extension into the CBD on 19 August 2024.



4. Chief Executive Officer of MTR Corporation Dr Jacob Kam and Property and International Business Director Mr David Tang joined MTR Australia and Metro Trains Sydney colleagues for a group photo at Sydenham Station before the launch of the first train service on the new Sydney Metro extension.



Fact Sheet

- The M1 Metro Northwest & Bankstown Line has a route length of 51.5-km from Tallawong to Sydenham with 21 stations, including six newly opened metro stations at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross, Barangaroo, Martin Place, Gadigal, Waterloo as well as new platforms at Central and Sydenham.
- Trains run at 4-minute intervals in peak hours. Selected journey times include Castle Hill to Martin Place in 35 minutes, Chatswood to Gadigal in 13 minutes, and North Sydney's Victoria Cross under the harbour to Barangaroo in 3 minutes.
- The service is operated by Metro Trains Sydney comprising MTR Corporation (60% shareholding) together with John Holland (20%) and UGL Rail (20%) under a contract that runs through to 2034.
- A further extension from Sydenham to Bankstown involves upgrading the existing Bankstown Line to metro standards. Once completed, this will bring the full length of the line to 66-km with 31 metro stations.
- The contract package for the full City & Southwest extension (Tallawong to Bankstown) includes rolling stock, signalling, central control and communications systems, platform screen doors as well as system integration for end-to-end service. It does not include civil works such as tunnel and station construction.
- Northwest Rapid Transit (NRT) Consortium equity investors include MTR Corporation, Plenary Group, Marubeni, CPDQ and Pacific Partnerships.