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Doppelmayr to build new ropeway in Bogotá Colombian capital chooses world market leader

Doppelmayr has won the contract for an urban ropeway project in the Colombian capital, Bogotá. The agreement was signed on July 16, 2015; the ropeway – a detachable gondola lift – is to be completed over the next two years. As a means of public transport it will be integrated into the transport network and is set to bring major improvements for the city's residents and commuters.

Bogotá, Colombia's capital, is to get a new means of transport. A ropeway will in future link the Ciudad Bolívar district in the south of the city to the Transmilenio public bus network. The area is very hilly, making an aerial ropeway the ideal form of transport. Doppelmayr has been commissioned to implement the project, which is due for completion in two years' time. The first stage will involve carrying out a series of studies and agreeing the design parameters with the customer before construction can go ahead.

The detachable gondola lift will be roughly 3.3 km in length and is to be equipped with 160 ten-passenger cabins. It will open up an entirely new plane for passenger transport and incorporate four stations serving major traffic hubs in Ciudad Bolívar. The ropeway will form an integral part of the transport system and the ticket price will be the same as for the Transmilenio public bus service (1800 pesos = approx. 0.60 euro).

Passengers on their way to work will save a lot of time. Many of the people who live in Ciudad Bolívar work in the center of Bogotá and their daily trip can take anything up to two hours. The first leg of the journey from the hillsides of Ciudad Bolívar to the first bus station in the public network currently involves an hour-long ride in private minibuses along steep, winding roads — and traffic jams are the order of the day at peak times. The new ropeway will consign all that to history and mark a significant improvement in quality of life for the residents.

The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group

The Doppelmayr/Garaventa Group is quality leader in the ropeway sector. An in-depth understanding of customer needs and an ability to deliver solutions with professionalism and precision provide the foundation for the Group's leadership of the world market. As ropeway technology leader, Doppelmayr has achieved many world firsts and set the milestones in modern ropeway engineering. The Group has production sites as well as sales and service subsidiaries in over 35 countries around the globe and to date has completed over 14,500 ropeway systems for customers in over 89 countries.

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The detachable gondola lift has proven itself in La Paz, the same ropeway system will now be built in Bogotá.

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