

OFFICIAL VISIT MARKS THE COMPLETION OF AMBOHIMANAMBOLA STATION

Ambohimambola, Monday the 23th of July 2018 – Transport, energy and civil engineering ministers visited the Ambohimambola station. Their visit marks the completion of the bus station built by Jovena, as well as the beginning of a new organizational model for road traffic management in Madagascar.

Jovena, an Axian group firm, is Madagascar's number one oil distributor. It is historically involved in the modernization of road infrastructures in the Island. Currently, Jovena is the country's first investor in the transportation sector, it participated in the construction of several bus stations in Madagascar: Diego, Majunga and Ampasampito and more recently By-Pass.

The new station will be inaugurated in the coming weeks, and is part of a public-private partnership. It answers all current issues faced by road haulers in Antananarivo. The Ambohimambola station's main objective is to help articulate "taxis-brousse" traffic through the RN7 and RN2. These new traffic-management techniques will optimize infrastructure use, enhance road safety and contribute to a more fluid traffic.

An ambitious project designed to improve the accessibility of road transport.

Located on the outskirts of Antananarivo, the Ambohimambola station is one of the biggest infrastructure of this type to stand in the Indian Ocean and Africa. The station spreads on more than 4 500 m² with a 22 000m² parking lot. The station is part of a long term urban planning project which will connect Marais Masay to By-Pass trough the construction of a ring road.

This East ring road "La Nouvelle rocade d'Antananarivo" will help reduce traffic congestion and will ease the access to the station. More importantly, this ring road will circumvent the city, enabling trucks to avoid the city center.

An infrastructure upholding international standards built both for passenger comfort and for the promotion of Madagascar at a global scale

The newly built station is of prime importance for the development of tourism in Madagascar. It will be used by busses carrying passengers and tourists through the RN7 and the RN2. These two roads are well known for the beauty and diversity of their landscapes.

Jovena is very attentive to the comfort and security of national and international passengers. The Ambohimambola station was built in respect of international security standards inspired by airports: it is equipped with video surveillance systems, a police station, a luggage deposit as well as an ID check desk.

This major project initiated in 2016, will soon welcome carrier-cooperatives. This organization model will be beneficial to all as it offers a better flow control and improvements in passenger security.

The station hosts the most important gas station in Madagascar called "Akona" as well as two distribution zones and a parking lot of more than 10 000 m² made to accommodate trucks.

This project will have positive consequences for both the population and the economy. This achievement comes as a demonstration of Jovena's success in diversifying its activities and endorsing a new identity.

ABOUT JOVENA

Jovena is today positioned as the biggest oil distribution network in Madagascar, with more than 85 gas stations deployed throughout the island.

An ambitious investment plan of more than 50M USD has enabled the company to increase its market share from 25% in 1999 to 37% in 2017. Jovena is also recognized for being the first local private investor in the transport sector in Madagascar

ABOUT AXIAN

Established in Madagascar since 150 years, Axian has broadened its presence to the Indian Ocean and Africa. Axian is active in multiple economic sectors that are driving forces for the development and the growth of Madagascar. Many of Axian's companies are leaders in their line of business: energy for Jovena and EDM, financial services for BNI Madagascar and MVola, real estate for First Immo and Telecommunications for Telma, TOM, TRM, TELCO SA and TIGO Sénégal. With more than 800 million dollars invested in 10 years and more than 3 500 employees throughout the Indian Ocean and Africa, Axian activates major economic transformations while acting as a structuring force for its sectors. Axian is highly engaged in responding to the needs and the preoccupations of Madagascar's people and companies.