

Problematic metro cables to be replaced

The contractors of Chengdu subway projects promised on Wednesday to replace all the electric cables used in the city's subway lines which were provided by a company failing to meet standards, according to the subway's official Weibo account.

The two contractors, China Railway Group and Power Construction Corporation of China, said the replacements will be made regardless of whether tests show the cables used in Chengdu subway lines meet the standards or not.

A planned cooperation with the electric cable company on Chengdu subway Line 2 will be canceled, said the announcement.

Eight people at Shaanxi Aokai Cable Corporation, based in Xi'an city in Shaanxi province, have been detained for providing substandard electric cables for Xi'an subway Line 3. The company has been shut down.

An online tip-off revealed last week that the electric cables provided by the company for Xi'an subway Line 3 were problematic, and questioned the process by which the company won the bid.

A subsequent investigation showed that all of the five samples of the low-voltage cables from Xi'an subway Line 3 failed to meet set standards.

The Xi'an metro company said at a news conference on Monday that it will replace all the substandard cables.

Wang Zhiwei, a legal representative from the company, knelt down and apologized to the public after the investigation result was published.

A joint probe examined the Xi'an subway Line 3 project's data and documents, and looked into the supervision work carried out by administrative bodies and law enforcement departments, said Yang Xin, head of the commission for discipline inspection in Xi'an, the city's top anti-graft authority.

The police have impounded the rest of the cable stock at Aokai and have taken samples for testing, Yang said.

Established in late 2012, the company was a private firm producing items such as electric cables, control cables and cables for rail transportation.

Xi'an subway Line 3 was put into use in November last year and carried 345,000 passengers on the first day of operation.