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Ansaldo STS enters the Turkish market

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Ansaldo STS (STS; MI), through a joint venture by its subsidiaries Ansaldo Segnalamento Ferroviario and Ansaldo Trasporti Sistemi Ferroviari, has been appointed as preferred bidder by the General Directorate of Turkish State Railways (TCDD) to design, build, test and commission signalling and telecommunications equipment for the line sections of Bogazköprü-Ulukisla-Yenice and Mersin-Toprakkale.

The contract will be signed within November 2008 according to the tender procedures. The contract, one among the biggest in Europe, is worth EUR 126 million.

This important agreement gives Ansaldo STS a foothold in the Turkish market, considered as the fastest developing market for both railway and mass transit transportation.

The length of the two line sections is around 410 km. The scope of work is to provide a complete Signalling and Telecom System including: ERTMS Lev.1 wayside and on-board equipment, Interlocking, CTC, and Telecommunication. The realization of relevant Station Loop Extensions is also included.

The success in this tender, which follows recent similar awards in Germany and China, further confirms Ansaldo STS's indisputable technological leadership in ERTMS technology. The company already applied successfully such technology in Italy, (thanks to the leading support of the Italian State Railways "Ferrovie dello Stato"), Spain, France, Sweden, UK, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, India and South Korea.

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Note for editors

The European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS), level 1 and 2, was designed to create interoperability between railway lines. Its aim is to provide the European rail industry with a standard for the development of signalling and railway traffic control systems, able to ensure more efficient use of the network, an increase in capacity and greater safety.

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