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Ansaldo STS wins a railway signalling contract in Sweden

- **The contract is worth Euro 26 million**

Ansaldo STS, through its subsidiary Ansaldo STS Sweden, has won a contract for supplying ERTMS (European Railway Traffic Management System) infrastructure to the Swedish National Railway Administration (Banverket).

The total order value is approximately Euro 26 million.

The contract, known under the acronym 'ESTER', includes development and adaptation to the specific conditions of the Swedish rail network, as well a frame agreement for supplying complete ERTMS systems for railway lines in Sweden.

Under the frame agreement, the 'Haparandabanan', the railway line from Boden to the Finnish border, is already included within the base contract. More lines are expected to follow within the frame agreement, as the Swedish rail network is progressively being upgraded to ERTMS.

The total duration of the frame agreement is 8 years, with the possibility for extension to 16 years.

This order once again confirms Ansaldo STS' leading position in the field of ERTMS technology that it has already successfully applied in Italy, France, UK, Spain, China, India, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece.

Introducing ERTMS on the 'Haparandabanan' further bears a special significance, as this line connects the Finnish and Russian rail networks with the Swedish and Norwegian systems. This is particularly important as the line will ultimately provide a unique access from the Eastern hemisphere to the port of Narvik in Norway, for shipping of goods to the rest of the world.

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Note for editors

ERTMS

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

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