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Ansaldo STS wins EUR 289 million contracts in Australia

- **Contract for Rio Tinto Iron Ore AutoHaul™ Automated Train Program worth EUR 253 million to Ansaldo STS**
- **One additional contract worth EUR 36 million has been awarded for the completion of locomotive control systems upgrades and the installation of Electronically Controlled Pneumatic (ECP) braking on Rio Tinto's heavy-haul rail fleet**
- **Contracts awarded under the Rio Tinto Iron Ore – Ansaldo STS Framework Agreement established in 2010**

Ansaldo STS (STS.MI), a Finmeccanica Company, through its subsidiary Ansaldo STS Australia, has been awarded EUR 289 million (A\$ 362 million) in contracts in Australia.

The **first** contract worth EUR 253 million (A\$ 317,5 million) to Ansaldo STS, and awarded under the Rio Tinto Iron Ore – Ansaldo STS Framework Agreement (RAFA) established in 2010, is for the development and delivery of an automated train management system for Rio Tinto Iron Ore's 1,500km heavy-haul iron ore rail network in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The automated heavy haul railway, to be completed in 2015, will be the first of its kind in the world and will significantly enhance the flexibility and capacity of Rio Tinto Iron Ore's mining rail network.

The highly-specialised modular signalling solution developed and to be implemented by Ansaldo STS includes the introduction of a centralised Vital Safety Server for the safe and flexible management of train movements and an on-board driving module which enables the complete automation of the trains' operation. Additional features of the Ansaldo STS solution include complete reuse of wayside infrastructure and minimisation of disruption to train operations during deployment.

Ansaldo STS, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, is an international leading technology company that supplies transport solutions and signalling technology in the global Railway & Mass Transit Transportation business with the provision of traffic management, planning, train control and signalling systems and services. It acts as lead contractor and turnkey provider on major project worldwide. Ansaldo STS is headquartered in Genoa, Italy, and employs over 4,100 people in 28 different countries. In 2011, its revenues reached € 1,212 M, with a gross operating margin of € 116 M and net profit of € 73 M.

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Rio Tinto's decision to award the contract for automation of its critical heavy haul rail infrastructure to Ansaldo STS Australia further strengthens the technology company's position as the leading system integration partner in heavy haul mining railways.

The **other** contract awarded to Ansaldo STS under RAFA is worth EUR 36 million (A\$ 44,7 million) and involves the delivery of the next in a series of staged upgrades for capacity and efficiency enhancements to Rio Tinto Iron Ore's long-distance heavy-haul rail network.

Under the new contract Ansaldo STS will complete upgrades to Rio Tinto's locomotive control systems so that the network can support the introduction of Electronically Controlled Pneumatic (ECP) braking. Ansaldo STS will then complete the installation and system integration of the ECP braking on Rio Tinto's heavy-haul rail fleet.

The introduction of ECP braking will significantly reduce delays of Rio Tinto's iron ore trains as they travel continuously from mine to port along the 1,500km remote heavy-haul rail line.

These significant contracts are the latest in a series of Rio Tinto Iron Ore heavy-haul rail projects awarded to Ansaldo STS Australia under RAFA. Under the Agreement, Ansaldo STS is to deliver a program of works over five years, to support Rio Tinto's major expansion and operational efficiency projects in the Pilbara.

Ansaldo STS Australia has been designing and delivering signalling and communications solutions for heavy haul mining railways for more than 15 years. The company employs 700 people across Australia and has offices in Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Perth and Karratha.

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