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HITACHI RAIL ITALY AND ANSALDO STS IN MONTREAL FOR UITP 2017

Montreal (Canada), 15 May 2017 – Technology, innovation and sustainable development. These are the main topics at the core of the 62th edition of the UITP Global Public Transport Summit, the most important world exhibition on urban and regional transportation. The fair will take place at the Palais de Congres de Montreal – Canada – between the 15th and the 17th of May 2017.

Hitachi Rail Italy and Ansaldo STS – Italian based companies, members of the Hitachi Group since 2015 – will be, this year as well, key players at the international fair with a joint stand (Hall 2), where will be presented the newest technologies and products to clients, institutions, partners and suppliers.

“The exhibition in Montreal – state the Executives of the two companies – represents a remarkable opportunity to show at the Canadian audience our experience and, above all, the new projects which are currently underway. From the success of the 50 Frecciarossa 1000, completed for the Italian high-speed line, to the different railways signalling contracts, driverless undergrounds, turnkey solutions, maintenance and full service in Italy and abroad: we have a lot to show to people who will visit our stand”.

The stand will be the place for business meetings, hosting presentations on products and technologies by technicians from both companies. Key players of the 2017 edition will be the metros, both traditional and driverless, chosen by a growing number of cities across the world: Milan, Rome, Copenhagen, Miami, Honolulu, Taipei, Riyadh and Lima.

Particular attention will be paid at Caravaggio regional train, an innovative product in terms of reliability, sustainability and capacity, with which Hitachi Rail Italy has been awarded last year of the largest bid for the regional transportation in Italy.

“A vehicle that has all the features – says Maurizio Manfellotto, CEO of Hitachi Rail Italy – to ensure a difference in quality to the regional transport that allows the train to be preferred to the car, as it is already happening with the high speed. We announced Caravaggio last September at Innotrans in Berlin, we started production in January in our factories, and we take this opportunity to present it to an increasingly 'global' level in line with versatility of the product”.

Ansaldo STS invites guests, clients and partners to join a proper “travel experience”, visiting both the driverless underground solutions and, moreover, the ultimate technologies designed for subways and railway transportation (passenger and freight): the *Communication Based Train Control* (CBTC), a new generation of rail transit control, which enhances flexibility, reduces maintenance costs and improves interoperability; and the *European Rail Traffic Management System* (ERTMS), the new European interoperable railway signalling system, designed to guarantee the interoperability beyond borders (in Europe as well as in Asia, Oceania and Middle East).

“Sustainable solutions offered by Ansaldo STS – explained Andy Barr, CEO of the Italian company – represent a true stimulus to the international market and, specifically, to the North American market in order to push the use of public transportation instead of the private one”.

The UITP (International Union of Public Transport) is a two-year event. The previous edition was held in Milan in 2015, and registered 280 exhibitors from 40 countries with 11,000 visitors.

Hitachi Rail Italy SpA

Hitachi Rail Italy is the most important railway vehicle manufacturer in Italy. In November, 2015 it was acquired by Hitachi Rail Europe. The company was originally formed through the merger of well-known Ansaldo Trasporti and Breda Costruzioni Ferroviarie, who brought together over 160 years of expertise in making urban mobility and rail transport a reality. Hitachi Rail Italy has 2,000 employees working in manufacturing plants in Naples, Pistoia, Reggio Calabria, San Francisco and Miami. The products of Hitachi Rail Italy range from High Speed, the ETR1000 high speed train to trams, metros (including driverless), to regional trains: Caravaggio, Vivato and TSR. The vehicles produced by Hitachi Rail Italy operate in over fifteen countries around the world. The company is led by CEO Maurizio Manfellotto. For more information on Hitachi Rail Italy, please visit the company's website at www.hitachirail.com.

Ansaldo STS SpA

Ansaldo STS – headquartered and coordinated by Hitachi, Ltd. – listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, is a technological company specialized in design, realization and management of transport and signaling systems for railway and metropolitan lines for the transportation of passengers and goods. The Group operates as Main Contractor and supplier of “turn-key” systems all over the world. Ansaldo STS is based in Genoa and has 4,000 employees in over 30 countries. The company is led by CEO Andy Barr. For more information on Ansaldo STS , please visit the company's website at www.ansaldo-sts.com.

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