

The logo for AnsaldoSTS, with 'Ansaldo' in blue and 'STS' in red.The logo for AnsaldoBreda, featuring a red horse head icon above the text 'ANSALDOBREDA' and 'Società del Gruppo Finmeccanica' below it.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AnsaldoBreda and Ansaldo STS win EUR 300 million contract for Thessaloniki metro**

- **AnsaldoBreda will provide the trains and Ansaldo STS the technology**
- **The metro will be 9.5 km long, will include 13 stations and will transport 18,000 passengers an hour**
- **The work will cost a total EUR 800 million**

**The contract to build the metro system in Thessaloniki in Greece was signed today. Ansaldo STS (Milan, MTA/Star, STS) will provide the technology and AnsaldoBreda the vehicles. The contract will generate a total of EUR 300 million for the two companies, of which EUR 180 million will go to Ansaldo STS and EUR 120 million to AnsaldoBreda.**

Ansaldo STS and AnsaldoBreda are part of an Italian-Greek joint venture with Aegek, Impresilo and Seli. The contract concerns the construction of the driverless metro system in Thessaloniki, capital of the province of Macedonia and Greece's second-largest city in terms of population and economic importance.

**The technological system provided by Ansaldo STS will closely follow the design of the Copenhagen driverless metro.** No driver or conductor will be required on board the trains, since all operation, security checking and information support for passengers will be carried out remotely and automatically.

**The trains produced by AnsaldoBreda will consist of four carriages able to transport a total of 450 passengers. They will travel at a maximum speed of 80 km/h and will be equipped with air conditioning.** The whole system will be able to transport 18,000 passengers per hour in each direction.

The metro will run underground for its whole length of around 9.5 km, and will include 13 stations. It will be able to transport 18,000 passengers per hour in each direction, with trains running every 90 seconds. The work is scheduled for completion and opening in 2012, and **will cost more than EUR 800 million in total.**

In 2005, in competition with other major international companies, the consortium presented its bid for the project, which is being partly financed by the European Union. **The bids were examined carefully by an awarding commission, with the Italian-Greek consortium coming out on top both technically and in terms of price. Shortly thereafter it was announced as the winner by the client, Attilo Metro, and the contract received final approval today.**

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**Ansaldo STS SpA**, which has been listed on the Italian stock exchange since 29 March 2006 (ticker: STS), is head of a group of companies operating in the rail and metro transport systems sector. Ansaldo STS controls Ansaldo Signal NV, a company incorporated under Dutch law that owns a group operating in the rail and metro signalling sector, and Ansaldo Trasporti-Sistemi Ferroviari SpA, an Italian company that acts as a technological systems integrator in "turnkey" rail and metro transport systems. The Genoa-based Ansaldo STS operates in 18 countries, and has around 3,600 employees. In 2005 it reported revenues of EUR 840 million, EBITDA of EUR 89 million and net profit of EUR 44 million.

AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica transport company, manufactures railway vehicles for public transport systems. It was formed through the merger of the Ansaldo Trasporti unit that produces vehicle and onboard electronic equipment with Breda Costruzioni Ferroviarie, one of the world's most famous mechanical manufacturing companies. The company is based in Naples and Pistoia.