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Ansaldo STS wins design contract for a Railway Traffic Management project in the UK

- First design stage awarded to Ansaldo STS

Ansaldo STS S.p.A, through its subsidiary Ansaldo Signal UK Ltd. has been awarded a contract by Network Rail, owner and operator of Britain's rail infrastructure, to design the first stage of the European Railway Traffic Management System (ERTMS), which will be deployed on about 215 km of track on the Cambrian rail line.

Network Rail has announced a total investment in the project, including all involved parties scope of supply, of more than Euro 87 million, which will be spread over three stages. The first stage, awarded to Ansaldo STS and relating to the system design, is valued at more than Euro 4 million.

This contract is for the design of the first full deployment of an ERTMS signalling and train control system on Network Rail infrastructure and its implementation is the first step in evaluating the business and operational implications of a wider UK introduction of ERTMS.

With appropriate radio cover, a cab-based Level 2 system enables the continuous exchange of data between computers on the train and signalling centres offering railway capacity and performance benefits as well as enhancing safety for rail users.

Ansaldo STS was selected following a competitive tender process thanks to its significant experience in designing and implementing ERMTS Systems in Italy, France and Spain.

By leveraging its extensive experience in the roll out of ERTMS both in Europe and worldwide, Ansaldo STS is able to offer the UK customer a solution with the best combination of proven technology and value for money and to deliver a system which can improve the capacity and operating performance of the national rail network while enhancing safety for passengers, staff and the public.

In addition to Ansaldo Signal UK, the winning team consists of CSEE Transport, also part of the Ansaldo STS group.

This project further strengthens Ansaldo STS as a worldwide leader in the field of ERTMS, a key growth area for the future, and maintains its role as a long term strategic supplier to Network Rail.

This achievement cements Ansaldo STS presence in the UK, underpinning the future development of its operations in the country and hopefully acting as a springboard for future successes.

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ERTMS

The European Railway Traffic Management System was designed to enable railway interoperability. It aims to provide a European rail industry standard for the development of signal and train control systems that would enable more efficient use of the rail system, increased capacity, enhanced safety and full interoperability.

The ERTMS system has three levels of implementation and Level 2 has been identified as most appropriate for initial use on the UK network. Level 2 uses data radio (GSM-R) to connect an onboard computer with the signalling centres enabling a continuous exchange of data.