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Ansaldo STS at the Railway Security Forum and Expo 2008

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Ansaldo STS, a leader in Railway and Mass Transit Signaling and Transport Systems, will present their latest technological offerings for the transportation security market on January 27th and 28th at the Railway Security Forum and Expo at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Washington, D.C.

Around the globe, transportation security has risen to the top of every political agenda in every arena. The very nature of Rail and Mass Transit transportation, for instance, makes it highly vulnerable to many different kinds of attack. Trains, whether they carry cargo or passengers, make scheduled stops along fixed routes. Their operations rely on quick and easy access to rail yards for freight transportation and multiple train stations for public transportation.

Ansaldo STS, with more than 150 years of experience in the Rail and Mass Transit sectors, recognizes the market's increasing need to protect itself against terrorism, vandalism and theft – threats that affect the transport of goods and people worldwide. Today, they lead the development and implementation of transportation security systems with products and solutions that include:

Security Management System: the Security Management System (SMS) is the very heart of railway security. Its user-friendly interface integrally manages security related information, which can be derived from a variety of event-based sources, such as video and audio inputs and alarms.

TransPortal® Remote: The TransPortal® Remote provides real-time alarm and status monitoring of highway-rail grade crossings, wayside equipment and mobile assets using any proximate wide area data network. The network can be wired or wireless, public or private. A suite of web service applications organizes and displays status, alarms, live images and operational history from remote sites.

Ansaldo STS will also provide a complete overview of the following security systems currently being delivered:

Metro Campania Security System: This security system, implemented for Metro Campania in Italy, manages the complete security of the overall metro area of 5 stations, 2 electrical substations, 4 emergency exits, 10 forced ventilation shafts and 4 natural ventilation grills. A complete overview of this system will be on display at the show.

Control Centers for Italian Railways: This system manages security information, alarms and video coming from the most critical railway assets: stations, tunnels, electrical substations and bridges. It gathers all the information in regional and national security centers.

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