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## **Ansaldo STS wins High Speed tender in Germany**

- **Ansaldo STS enters German market**
- **The order is worth EUR 20,5 million**
- **Frankfurt will soon be linked to Paris via the ERTMS systems supplied by Ansaldo STS**

Through subsidiary Ansaldo Segnalamento Ferroviario, Ansaldo STS has been awarded an order by German railways Deutsche Bahn AG (DB AG) to design, build, install and put into operation signalling equipment for the High Speed section between Saarbrücken and Mannheim. The line is part of the POS Nord interoperable corridor that links Frankfurt to Paris, for which Ansaldo STS has already provided signalling for the entire French section.

The job is worth EUR 20,5 million.

Ansaldo STS, which as main contractor is responsible for the whole project, has been awarded this order after a tough international competition involving all leading players in the sector.

The project represents the first real application of the new ERTMS (European Rail Traffic Management System) technology level 1 and level 2 in Germany (after the Berlin-Leipzig pilot project) on a line that crosses national borders and currently uses traditional signalling equipment in accordance with German regulations.

The ERTMS system supplied by Ansaldo STS will ensure the interoperability of this line for all the trains of other countries interested in the corridor equipped with the same technology. It will also guarantee the highest level of safety of the line, increasing the flexibility of the operation.

This important acquisition from Deutsche Bahn AG, Europe's largest rail network, marks Ansaldo STS' successful debut on the German market, with leading-edge products that implement the European standard.

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This job represents an important step forward for the company in a market that its leading competitors have dominated for some time, and consolidates its position of undisputed leader in the new ERTMS technology that it has already successfully applied in Italy (on the Rome-Naples and Turin-Novara lines) as well as Spain, France, the UK, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, India and China.

In March 2007 Ansaldo STS formed a new company incorporated under German law, Ansaldo STS Deutschland, which will manage this project and which plans to carry out all activities intended to develop and consolidate the Ansaldo STS presence on the German signalling and transport systems market.

**Note for editors**

**ERTMS**

*The European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) was designed to attain rail interoperability. Its aim is to provide the European railway industry with a standard for the development of signalling and railway traffic control systems, able to guarantee more efficient use of the network, an increase in capacity and greater safety.*

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