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## **Ansaldo STS wins contract for Line 1 of the Naples Metro**

- **Value of contract is EUR 54 million**

Ansaldo STS (STS.MI) has signed a contract with Metropolitana di Napoli SpA, an agency of the Naples local authority, for the design and construction of electronic equipment on the Piazza Dante-Piazza Garibaldi stretch of Line 1 of the Naples metro.

The contract is worth EUR 54 million.

Ansaldo STS will carry out the works relating to the overhead line, power cables, telecommunications, signalling, automation and protection systems on the 5 km stretch of track constructed entirely in double tunnels.

The project is scheduled to be completed by July 2012, and Ansaldo STS's work is part of the fourth applications contract for the construction of Line 1 of the Naples metro.

The completion of these latest projects will significantly increase the total value of orders obtained by Ansaldo STS for the construction of the Naples metro.

Ansaldo STS is already the Naples local authority's contractor for the design and construction of all civil engineering and technological works for the whole of Line 6, including the signalling and automation system and rolling stock, all of which is worth EUR 533 million overall.

### **Note for editors:**

Given the city's geography, there is a difference in level along Line 1 of the Naples metro of about 235 metres. Some sections have a gradient of 5.5% (compared to the maximum limit allowed by railway standards of 6%), which remains constant for almost half of the entire stretch currently in operation. This is therefore the highest gradient of any metro line in the world. Particular attention has therefore had to be focused on civil engineering, in particular relating to the technical equipment.

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The project involves around 18.5 km of metro line, entirely in double tunnels, as well as the construction of 19 stations.

Despite numerous construction problems associated with the geography of the area and the difficult hydro-geological structure of the terrain, the first 13 km of line has already been built and is in operation with 45 electric trains carrying an average of around 100,000 passengers on weekdays and 30,000 passengers on Sundays and public holidays.

in terms of technology, all the stations have been designed to incorporate state-of-the-art safety systems and they provide easy access for the disabled and special facilities for the visually impaired. The stations are equipped with 76 escalators and moving walkways and 47 lifts. A box for station personnel is installed near the turnstiles.

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