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## **Ansaldo STS signs EUR 153 million agreement with Australian Rail Track Corporation**

- **The Ansaldo STS - ARTC new alliance is to deliver signalling systems projects**

Ansaldo STS (STS.MI), through its Australian subsidiary Ansaldo STS Australia, has signed a major new alliance agreement with the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) to provide signalling systems projects to increase the capacity, reliability and efficiency of ARTC owned and leased coal freight corridors in New South Wales and Victoria.

Under the agreement Ansaldo STS will generate EUR 153 million in revenue over the next three years.

The agreement will deliver a range of works, including:

- Loop extensions, additional lines and junction upgrades to improve capacity and efficiency in the Hunter Valley coal corridor;
- Upgrading and extending three existing loops and providing one new loop on the North Coast coal corridor; and
- Control systems works for the South Sydney freight line.

Additionally Ansaldo STS will continue the upgrade works it is undertaking as part of the Train Control Alignment Project (TCAP) to facilitate signalling infrastructure changes and reduce maintenance costs.

The ARTC - Ansaldo STS Network Control Systems Alliance (AANCSA) replaces the Hunter Valley and North Coast Signalling Alliance which was established in October 2005 to increase efficiencies in the Hunter Valley Coal Network and North-South Rail Corridor.

Under the ARTC - Ansaldo STS Network Control Systems Alliance, Ansaldo STS has already commenced working on several major projects including delivering bi-directional signalling on the Maitland-Branxton line, and the third track upgrade between Maitland and Minimbah.

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