

Alcatel-Lucent partners with Thales to expand Turkish Railways' high-speed signalling network

Paris, March 16, 2009 - Alcatel-Lucent (Euronext Paris and NYSE: ALU) today announced that Alcatel-Lucent and Thales have been awarded a contract extension for the Ankara-Istanbul High Speed Railway signalling & telecommunications Project Phase-1 with Turkish Railways (TCDD) valued at 13 million Euros.

Under this new extension project, Alcatel Lucent will be providing a turnkey integrated communications system, and is responsible for project management and network integration services. Thales will provide its world-leading ETCS Level-1 system for the safe operation of this high speed line, currently the longest and first high speed train line in Turkey.

The ongoing Phase-1 project - signalling and telecommunication part of which is being implemented by Thales and Alcatel Lucent - is 250 km long and will serve 5 stations with 10 sets of high speed trains from Ankara station to Eskisehir station and project deployment is to be completed in 2009. This new extension is scheduled to be ready for passenger service in 2010. It will initially span 50 km serving 2 stations Sincan - Inonu.

“This new contract demonstrates that General Directorate of Turkish State Railways is forward thinking in that their modernization plan not only includes increasing high speed railway transport capacity but also, the mission critical communication network that is required to make the high speed railway safer and easier to operate”, said Ali Kancal Alcatel-Lucent’s Country Senior Officer in Turkey.

The contracts further highlight Thales’ and Alcatel-Lucent’s expertise in serving the main line rail industry. Thales is a worldwide leader in the supply of fully automated train control solutions. Alcatel-Lucent is the communications network integrator of choice for many of the worlds leading railway and metro operators.

About Turkish State Railways (TCDD)

The Directorate of Turkish State Railways operating based on the provisions of the decree laws number 233 of 8.6.1984 related to state economic enterprises is a state organized company. The General Directorate of Turkish State Railways bound to the Ministry of Transportation consists of a Headquarter, 18 Specialized Departments, Legal, Defence Departments, and the Press and Public Relations units. It is responsible of the services rendered by our six harbours. The Directorate of the 7th Region runs the services related to railway transportation.

Whereas TULOMSAS produces licensed locomotives, TUVASAS supplies passenger wagons and TUDEMSAS goods wagons. TCDD runs on a total railway of 11008, of which 8697 km are used as main lines, 422 km as junction lines, and 1872 km as station lines. 3098 km of these lines are signalled whereas 7910 km are without signal. 1564 km of the main line is electrified. In 2007, transported have been 56,3 million people in local trains, 24,96 million passengers on the main line and 20,8 million tonnes of load. The harbours handle a capacity of 34,2 million tonnes. Excluding the affiliated companies, the General Directorate of Turkish State Railways has a workforce of 30000 employees.

About Alcatel-Lucent

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