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FERROVIENORD Installs GE – Transportation Signaling Solution for Railway Safety

Milan (Italy), June 17, 2008 – GE -Transportation, a unit of the General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), has been awarded a €12 million contract to install its SSC automatic train protection system on the entire rail network of FERROVIENORD, the company announced today.

Solely owned by FNM, FERROVIENORD manages more than 320 Km of rail lines and 120 stations distributed across five main lines that serve the northern surrounding area of Milan and the provinces of Varese, Como, Novara and Brescia. The regional and suburban transport service LeNORD operates more than 800 trains on the network every day. Approximately 40 trains run simultaneously on the network's rail lines carrying more than 52 million passengers annually.

The SSC system, developed by GE - Transportation, provides the train with a comprehensive set of information needed to ensure safe speed and distance. When passing by each signal, the trackside equipment transmits signal information onboard to enforce the distance from the preceding train while observing line characteristics such as bridges, tunnels, curves and construction areas. The SSC design requires no devices or cables to be mounted near the track area, allowing for cost-savings in maintenance operations and a simple installation process that requires no disruption of traffic.

“GE – Transportation’s SSC train protection system is part of a €1 billion investment by FNM and Regione Lombardia in the modernization of our railway infrastructure,” said Luigi Legnani, CEO of FERROVIENORD. “Our passengers will enjoy higher levels of safety and comfort on our rail lines.”

“We are extremely pleased to serve our customer FERROVIENORD”, said Pierre Comte, President of GE - Transportation Global Signaling. “The outcome of the tender is another confirmation of the reliability and versatility of our signaling and communications systems.”

Already adopted by Italian Railway infrastructure management group RFI on more than 5,000 Km of rail lines, SSC matches the highest safety standards of European regulation with GE – Transportation’s rational and simple technological solutions.

Headquartered in Paris, France, GE – Transportation’s Global Signaling business has installed rail equipment throughout Europe. With innovations from technology centers around the globe, including Florence, Italy, GE – Transportation Global Signaling offers train inspection systems, train connection performance solutions, velocity improvement products and complete signaling and train control systems.

About GE - Transportation

Established more than 100 years ago, GE – Transportation, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), is a global technology leader and supplier to the railroad, marine, drilling, mining and wind industries. GE provides freight and passenger locomotives, railway signaling and communications systems, information technology solutions, marine engines, motorized drive systems for mining trucks and drills, high-quality replacement parts and value added services. With sales in excess of \$4.5 billion, GE - Transportation is headquartered in Erie, Penn. (USA), and employs approximately 10,000 employees worldwide. For more information visit www.getransportation.com.

About FNM

FNM is the main transport and mobility group in Lombardy. It is the largest private Italian operator in this sector. Its mission is to meet communication and mobility requirements of individuals and companies and to take up the challenge of "moving" people, goods and information. In fact, the Group has broadened and diversified the scope of its activities on other markets, including ICT, energy and sustainable mobility. The FNM holding company is listed on the Milan stock market Expandi belonging to Borsa Italiana and is responsible for the strategic and operational supervision and coordination of all its subsidiaries. Through them, the Group works in different sectors of transportation and mobility: passengers transport on railways and airport connections; passengers transport on tires; freight transport in Italy and in Europe; air and helicopter transport for executives and emergency care; aerial monitoring of the area; engineering and planning in transports and infrastructure areas; information and communication technology; energy; services for eco-sustainable mobility. Its majority shareholder is the Region of Lombardy, which presently holds 57.57% of the company shares.

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