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Hitachi Rail signs framework agreement for Digital Rail Germany



- Hitachi Rail has signed a framework agreement with Deutsche Bahn for the supply of digital interlocking technology, the European Train Control System (ETCS), and an integrated control and operating system.
- The agreement, establishes a long-term partnership, ensuring capacity planning, investment in resources, and expansion of production capabilities.
- This framework agreement is a key step in modernizing Germany's rail network, enhancing efficiency, and supporting the broader European rail infrastructure.

Ditzingen, February 12, 2025 – Hitachi Rail has been awarded a major framework agreement by Deutsche Bahn. The agreement, finalised at the end of 2024 and part of a 6.3 billion euros contract, includes the provision of digital interlocking technology (DSTW), the European Train Control System (ETCS) and an integrated control and operating system (iLBS). This agreement reinforces Hitachi Rail's role in shaping the future of Germany's railway infrastructure, supporting the country's transport transformation, and contributing to a more integrated and efficient European rail network.

The framework agreement, which has also been signed by other companies, defines the scope of units allocated for various suppliers. Under the agreement, Hitachi Rail is guaranteed a significant portion of these units, providing the company with long-term planning security, enabling targeted investments, and supporting the development of additional resources and production capacities to execute current and future projects.

"As a long-standing partner of Deutsche Bahn, we are delighted to be driving forward the urgently needed renovation and modernisation of the rail infrastructure in our country. This is not only crucial for a sustainable turnaround in transport in Germany, but also for a more efficient, pan-European rail network, to which we are making a decisive technological contribution. Last but not least, Deutsche Bahn's volume contract gives us as an industrial sector the long-awaited planning security for the preservation and expansion of our high-quality jobs in one of the world's most successful high-tech sectors that Germany has to offer. DB is thus securing the necessary investments for itself and Germany in the long term," says

Markus Fritz, Chief Operation Officer at Hitachi Rail GTS Germany and member of the VDB Executive Committee.

The framework agreement establishes the foundation for all future digital interlocking projects in Germany. As only holders of such agreements are eligible to participate in the full-scale rollout of digital rail, this partnership positions Hitachi Rail as a key technology partner for Deutsche Bahn and its infrastructure division, DB InfraGo. The initiative aligns with broader efforts to modernize Germany's railway network, enhance operational efficiency, and contribute to environmental sustainability by promoting rail as a competitive alternative to other modes of transport.

The contract was awarded following a tender process that began in July 2023, culminating in the signing on December 31, 2024. Beyond traditional control and signalling technology services, the agreement also includes additional tasks such as planning, civil engineering, and cable laying. This expansion of responsibilities underscores the complexity of the project, but with extensive experience and expertise, Hitachi Rail is well-positioned to deliver on these commitments.

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Hitachi Rail is committed to driving the sustainable mobility transition and has a clear focus on partnering with customers to rethink mobility. Its mission is to help every passenger, customer and community enjoy the benefits of more connected, seamless and sustainable transport. With revenues of over €7bn and 24,000 employees across more than 50 countries, Hitachi Rail is a trusted partner to the world's best transport organisations. The company's reach is global, but the business is local - with success built on developing local talent and investing in people and communities.

Its international capabilities and expertise span every part of the urban, mainline and freight rail ecosystems – from high quality manufacturing and maintenance of rolling stock to secure digital signalling, smart operations and payment systems.

Hitachi Rail, famous for Japan's iconic high speed bullet train, draws on the digital and AI expertise of Hitachi Group companies to accelerate innovation and develop new technologies. Hitachi Group is present in 140 countries with over 270,000 employees and global revenues of €54.55bn / ¥8,564 bn.

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