

## Hitachi Rail wins framework contract as part of €1.5bn digitalization of the SBB rail network



**Zurich, Switzerland, December 12, 2025** Hitachi Rail has signed a framework agreement with SBB to deliver its' advanced digital signalling technology across the Swiss railway network as part of a wider program worth approximately €1.5bn.

The landmark project will result in approximately 80 percent of the existing interlocking systems being replaced over the next 20 years.

Interlocking technology prevents conflicting movements on the railway track and Hitachi Rail will deliver the latest generation of its digital interlockings and Radio Block Centers - essential components for the implementation of a nationwide driver's cab signalling system. Digital interlocking benefits a railway system by minimizing track infrastructure, reducing maintenance requirements and boosting environmental performance.

Hitachi Rail's digital interlocking solution will also harness its smart Object Controllers based on the new **EULYNX** standard to control and monitor points, signals, and track sections. By using smart Object Controllers, as well as controlling assets, the technology can gather and report data (including sensor data) about the status of the assets under their supervision. This technology is consequently a key enabler for predictive maintenance.

The framework contract covers an initial period of ten years, with the option to extend it three times for an additional five years each. It also includes 25 years of maintenance and support for the supplied systems. SBB estimates the total investment for the program to be approximately €1.5 billion.

Kurt Sauerwein, Managing Director of Hitachi Rail in Switzerland, said: “Hitachi Rail will work with our partners to shape a new era of rail transport in Switzerland. The introduction of digital interlockings is a technological milestone that not only enhances the efficiency and sustainability of the Swiss rail network but also reinforces Switzerland’s position as an international leader in mobility. We look forward to contributing our expertise and innovation to this program.”

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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’s revenues for FY2024 (ended March 31, 2025) totalled €581.6 bn / ¥9,783.3 bn, with 618 consolidated subsidiaries and approximately 280,000 employees worldwide.

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