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PORR signs largest railway order in Poland to date

Vienna/Warsaw, 19.09.2019 - PORR has been charged with the complex modernisation of a section of the critical railway line no. 131. The construction contract with PKP PLK S.A. was signed on September 17 in Łódź in the presence of representatives from business and politics. Worth around EUR 290m (PLN 1,238m), the contract is by far the largest railway construction order to date for PORR in Poland. PORR will realise the contract in a consortium with its Polish partner Trakcja System, who is responsible for the catenary works.

"First built in the 20th century, the railway line no. 131 is not only essential for passenger transport, but especially for freight. It links the industrial region of Upper Silesia with the ports of Gdańsk and Gdynia on the Baltic Sea. We are proud to realise our largest railway construction order in Poland to date in the form of this design & build project," said Karl-Heinz Strauss, CEO of PORR.

A total of 135km of track and 148 sets of switches will be replaced on the approximately 71km-long stretch between Kalina and Rusiec Łódzki, while the complete control and safety system will be modernised along with the catenary and 17 level crossings. All of the stations will be fitted with new platforms offering disabled access. The works on the stretch also include upgrading or overhauling 71 civil structures - including several larger viaducts such as the almost 100m-long section over the River Warta.

Work on the plans for modernising the section (Lot C) will begin immediately after signing the contract; the designs need to be ready within 90 days. All requisite permits and approvals have to be in place within 13 months maximum. Following thorough analysis of the construction works and by optimising the construction processes, PORR has committed to complete all contractual obligations in 44 months, i.e. by May 2023.

This project represents the 35th construction contract that PORR is realising for PKP PLK S.A., having started working on railway construction in Poland in 2011.

Facts and figures at a glance

Project name: Design and build works for railway line no. 131, Lot C

Kalina - Rusiec Łódzki

Scope of services: Design & Build Client: PKP PLK S.A.

Contract value: Around EUR 290m (PLN 1,238m)

Planned completion: May 2023



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