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SYSTRA strengthens its expertise in tunnelling with the acquisition of two specialist companies, Bamser in Australia and Subterra in Spain

The acquisition of Bamser, in Australia, and Subterra, in Spain, positions SYSTRA as a leading global player in the field of tunnel design and construction.

SYSTRA, a member of the British Tunnelling Society, recently completed the acquisition of two companies dedicated to the design of tunnels and underground structures, Bamser, and Subterra. Both acquisitions reinforce SYSTRA's position as a leading global player in the field of complex tunnels, following the acquisition in 2021 of Italian based SWS Engineering.

With a number of high-profile subterranean infrastructure projects planned in the UK over the coming years, SYSTRA will be uniquely positioned to be able to draw on over 600 global tunnelling and underground infrastructure specialists to support its UK-based team in the delivery of major infrastructure. SYSTRA's UK and Ireland presence has grown over the past few years to a team of over 1000, with major infrastructure expertise including geotechnical and ground engineering, BIM modelling, civil and structural design and assessment, planning consents and environmental biodiversity.

Nick Salt, Managing Director UK & Ireland, SYSTRA, said, "As we look to grow our infrastructure portfolio across the UK and Ireland, these acquisitions further consolidate the expertise we can offer. Tunnels are complex structures requiring specialised skills, I am delighted we can draw upon such a significant resource to support our clients in engineering underground structures."

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ABOUT SYSTRA

SYSTRA in the UK leads the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and environments through specialist engineering and consultancy services.

A world leader in mobility and mass transit, we deliver planning and development consultancy, engineering design, project management, and specialist technical services, that enables the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and essential services.

With over 1000 employees throughout the UK & Ireland our shared mission is to help create liveable cities and neighbourhoods bringing people together and facilitating their access to employment, healthcare, education, and leisure.

Notes to Editor:

1. SYSTRA's UK tunnelling expertise includes: Design, Geotechnical, BIM modelling, Structural assessment and Repair, Construction Management, specialist environmental surveys and Value Engineering.
2. SYSTRA UK & Ireland is a proud member of the [British Tunnelling Society](#).
3. Bamser was established in 2008 in Australia, providing advisory services on complex tunnelling, and infrastructure globally including the Sydney Metro; WestConnex; Western Harbour Tunnel, Suburban Rail Link, AirportLink, Legacy Way and Cross River Rail.
4. Subterra is a Spanish company recognised worldwide for its expertise in the design of tunnels and underground structures, with around 100 staff in Spain, Peru, Chile and Colombia.
5. SYSTRA has developed over 2,200km of tunnels on projects throughout the world, including the longest rail tunnel 57.5km in the world for the Lyon – Turin high speed rail line.
6. International tunnel projects include:
 - Hanoi Light Metro Line, Vietnam: 12.5km twin tunnels and four stations (ongoing)
 - Gothenburg, Sweden: rail tunnel and three new underground stations (2019 ongoing)
 - Brenner Base Rail Tunnel, Innsbruck, Austria – Fortezza, Italy: 55km cross border (2019).
 - Grand Paris Express Line, France: 21km tunnels (2016 ongoing)
7. With over 1000 employees, we work with our clients to think through complex issues concerning the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and environments.
8. SYSTRA is a UK registered subsidiary of SYSTRA Group which is approaching 9,000 employees worldwide.
9. For more information on forthcoming announcements visit our website www.systra.com/uk

