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The consortium COWI /SYSTRA awarded the third package of the Ostlänken High Speed Rail Project

The “Ostlänken” or Eastern Link project is one of the first steps towards a generation of new railway infrastructure in Sweden. Ostlänken is planned as a new double-track high-speed railway between Järna near Södertälje and Linköping, a route of about 150km. The COWI and SYSTRA consortium has won the award for the third package of the Eastern Link.

Ostlänken is a high speed rail project providing improved connectivity with a double track railway from Linköping to Järna and Greater Stockholm via Norrköping, Nyköping / Skavsta and Trosa / Vagnhärad. Currently the social and economic development of the area is constrained by lack of capacity. **Ostlänken** will facilitate the expansion of the entire region, creating both economic and cultural growth allowing people to move quickly and easily between jobs, education, housing, leisure and culture. **Ostlänken** will also be part of a future high-speed rail from Stockholm to Gothenburg and Malmö / Copenhagen that will allow trains to travel at 320 kph.



The Swedish Transport Agency has appointed the COWI and SYSTRA Consortium as responsible technical consultant for the third package of the Eastern Link. The assignment includes developing 65km of track and railway systems from Sillekrog to Stavsjö with a link to Nyköping and a new station at Skavsta Airport. Of the four packages that divide the Eastern Link, this is the longest stretch. The project runs through large areas of natural beauty and soft soil areas which pose challenges for the stability of the track. Overall, the assignment includes 77 bridges and some short length tunnels.

We are very proud and pleased to have been awarded this assignment. It is a prestigious project that will strengthen our presence in Sweden and will further broaden our international credential in the field of high speed rail design, says Pascal Mercier, SVP Northern Europe Region at SYSTRA.

About SYSTRA

SYSTRA, the world leader in public transport infrastructures, is an RATP and SNCF subsidiary, which specialises in Mass Transit and Rail. The Group's ambition is to continue to establish itself as the benchmark for collective, sustainable mobility.

SYSTRA reported revenues of €525 million in 2014 and employed 4 780 people worldwide. SYSTRA plans to recruit several thousand new employees over the next four years.

SYSTRA is currently present in 78 countries. SYSTRA has contributed to the construction of one out of two metros, the world over.

In France, SYSTRA is working on Lines 15, 16 and 17 of the Grand Paris Express transit project. Internationally SYSTRA is working on the Line 6 of the Delhi metro and Line 16 of the Shanghai metro, which will be the world's longest elevated metro. SYSTRA is also involved in the construction of two new automated metro lines in Santiago (Chile), in automating 23 km of the rapid transit line between Epping and Chatswood in Australia.

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