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RINA to plan safety of the North Sea-Baltic Corridor for the trans-European railway network (TEN-T)

Genoa, 5 March 2021 - RINA, the multinational inspection, certification and engineering consultancy, has won the contract for Safety, Reliability, Availability and Maintainability (RAMS) services on the railway segment of the North Sea-Baltic Corridor for the transportation of freight and passengers. The North Sea-Baltic Corridor, which connects Finland to Belgium and crosses Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, is part of the Trans-European Transport Network project (TEN-T), the EU Commission’s project for the development of a Europe wide network of infrastructure.

RINA was awarded the €510,000 contract by Rail Baltica AS, the consortium that will manage the construction of this stretch of approximately 1000 km, to define the requirements of safety, reliability, availability and maintainability according to European standards - the highest in the world.

The development of the requirements, which are a precursor to the tenders and contracts that Rail Baltica will issue to complete the railway, will last about a year. As well as complying with European standards these will need to ensure the compatibility of the systems with the entire network planned by the European Community.

Roberto Carpaneto, CEO of RINA Consulting, said: “RINA has a long history in the railway safety sector and European infrastructure is among the most technologically advanced in the world. This contract is an important recognition that will allow us to apply the skills gathered in projects of strategic importance such as the Italian High-Speed line, the Norwegian signalling program, the Marmaray line under the Bosphorus and the new Shah-Habshan-Ruwais railway line in the United Arab Emirates”.

Marc Philippe El Beze, Chief Technical Officer at RB Rail AS, commented: “The development of Rail Baltica reliability, availability, maintainability and safety (RAMS) concept is an important step forward in the project implementation. By developing RAMS technical requirements, which will be further integrated in the project design and construction, we will ensure that the new line meets the required performances, Safety and European standards compliance, and it is compatible with the systems used in the European railway network”.

RINA provides a wide range of services across the Energy & Mobility, Marine, Certification, Real Estate & Infrastructure and Industry sectors. With expected net revenues in 2020 of 485 million Euros, over 3,900 employees and 200 offices in 70 countries worldwide, RINA is a member of key international organizations and an important contributor to the development of new legislative standards.

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