

Contract worth USD 29 million for Ansaldo Signal in USA

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Ansaldo Signal, a Finmeccanica company which will soon be merged with Ansaldo Trasporti Sistemi Ferroviari into Ansaldo STS, has won a contract worth USD 29 million to supply signalling systems for Chicago's rapid transit network (the "L").

Through its US arm Union Switch & Signal, the company will design, manufacture and manage the automatic control and supervision system of the Chicago L's Blue Line, which runs for a total stretch of 34 km. As well as supplying the system, the company will be responsible for making the necessary modifications to the control centres of 15 existing interlockings, that is the systems that ensure the trains move safely within the stations. The Chicago L covers 350 km, and has 144 stations and a total of 1,190 trains.

Roberto Gagliardi, chief executive of Ansaldo Signal and Ansaldo STS commented: "The new contract won in the US to supply high-tech equipment for a line on the Chicago rapid transit network further strengthens our international presence in signalling systems for metro and rail networks, and is acknowledgement recognition of the know-how we have acquired over the years. I should point out that Union Switch & Signal has been contributing its expertise to the development of Chicago's transit system since 1913".