

Ansaldo Trasporti Sistemi Ferroviari (Ansaldo STS) and Ansaldo Breda will build Line 5 of the Milan metro

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Contract is worth EUR 153 million for Finmeccanica

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Ansaldo Trasporti Sistemi Ferroviari (a Finmeccanica company which will shortly be merged, together with Ansaldo Signal, into Ansaldo STS) and Ansaldo Breda have confirmed their leading role in transport systems by winning the bidding for Line 5 of the Milan metro.

The two companies are part of a joint venture to build the new driverless light metro system, a project worth a total of EUR 502 million. The other companies in the joint venture are Astaldi (lead bidder), Torno, Alstom Trasporti and Azienda Trasporti Municipalizzata (ATM).

Ansaldo Trasporti Sistemi Ferroviari will provide the Automatic Train Control (ATC) system developed by Ansaldo Signal, the systems engineering and part of the rail electrification equipment, worth EUR 118 million. The company will thus put into practice the experience gained together with Ansaldo Signal in the field of driverless metro systems, in projects including the Copenhagen metro already operating, the Brescia metro currently under construction, and the recently-awarded contract to build Line C of the Rome metro. Ansaldo Breda, meanwhile, will build 10 trains of the same type as those used in Copenhagen (EUR 35 million).

Line 5, a fully driverless light metro system, is the first example of project financing (in which the winning bidder wins the concession and management of the line) used for urban transport in Italy. Connecting the eastern suburbs of Milan, from Stazione Garibaldi to Via Bignami, the underground line will run for 5.6 km, through nine stations, and will be able to carry up to 26,000 passengers per hour.