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**Elsag Datamat wins EUR 10 million contract to supply a booking and ticket management system to Egyptian National Railways**

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Elsag Datamat, a Finmeccanica company [FNC IM; SIFI.MI], has won a contract worth EUR 10 million to supply Egyptian National Railways (ENR) with a booking and ticket management system for passenger traffic. The order also includes at least three years of support and maintenance.

The system, whose design will begin next month and which will be completed in around a year and a half, will improve the quality of service offered to passengers, thanks to a flexible method of booking and the possibility of issuing different tickets according to type of customer. Egyptian National Railways will also be able to increase profitability thanks to more efficient management of service costs and tariff categories.

The project represents an essential element of the modernisation of services offered by ENR. To this end, the Egyptian operator has developed a plan to update its automation and communication systems, identifying two priority areas: application management for fundamental business processes and the improvement of basic infrastructures, including the communication network between central offices and stations throughout the Country.

This contract further demonstrates Elsag Datamat's success in international markets, such as Russia in the postal automation sector and the US, where Elsag Datamat technology operates in all 50 states in the number plate reading system fitted to Police cars.

**Egyptian National Railways**

ENR is an independent operator that supplies public and commercial services in Egypt for passenger and goods traffic. Founded in 1851, it started operations just after the opening of the Suez Canal. Today it is the biggest railway network in North Africa and the Middle East, with over 700 stations throughout Egypt. It serves the commercial areas of the Nile Delta, the Red Sea ports and the less rich but equally populated central parts of the Country. Around a thousand trains a day transport one and a half million passengers, 20% of whom use season tickets.