

Bombardier's Skutare-Orizovo rail signalling modernization project in Bulgaria reaches three months of successful service

- **Following on time and on budget completion, INTERFLO 200 rail control solution is increasing safety and availability on upgraded section of Provdiv-Burgas line**
- **As part of Bombardier's six projects underway in Bulgaria, this is the first line to be equipped with the globally proven mainline signalling technology**

Berlin, January 12, 2021 – Global mobility technology leader Bombardier Transportation's first rail signalling modernization project in Bulgaria, upgrading the Skutare-Orizovo section of the Provdiv-Burgas line, has reached three months of successful operation. The 25-kilometre section of the line has been equipped with the *BOMBARDIER INTERFLO* 200 mainline rail control solution. It is the first of six signalling upgrade projects awarded to Bombardier to have started operation and has been delivered on time and to budget, as part of Bulgaria's ongoing rail modernization.

"We are very proud to see our first project for Bulgaria in operation and coming soon after the opening of our new legal entity in Sofia in 2020. We congratulate our partner, Bulgarian Railways, on their ongoing investment in rail modernization which is increasing safety and availability for passengers and improving mobility across the country as well as connectivity with Europe's transportation corridors," said Costel Antonello Grozea, Managing Director, Bombardier Transportation Bulgaria.

Bombardier successfully entered the Bulgarian market in 2017 with the contracts to install its globally-proven *INTERFLO* 200 solution on the Skutare-Orizovo and Sofia-Elin Pelin lines (the latter planned for operation in August 2021). In 2019, Bombardier, as consortium lead, won the order to design and install an *INTERFLO* 250 European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) Level 1 signalling and telecommunication solution along 300-km of the Plovdiv-Burgas railway line, one of the most important rail control projects in Europe in recent years. This has been followed in 2020 with three more contracts to modernize the signalling on the 30-km Orizovo-Mihaylovo, 20-km Elin Pelin-Kostenets and 20-km Kostenets–Septemvri railway lines.

In 2020, Bombardier Transportation established a new legal entity in Bulgaria and a project management office in the capital city of Sofia to support its existing and future rail projects and strengthen its close co-operation with Bulgarian Railways as well as local partners and suppliers.

As a world leader in signalling solution and rail control, Bombardier delivers complete mainline systems, sub-systems and individual products to railway operators and infrastructures all over the world. To ensure low lifecycle cost, our mainline signalling solution *INTERFLO* is continuously improved by utilizing well-defined, proven hardware and software components and modules across our applications.

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