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**On quiet feet — RAIL.ONE supplies concrete sleepers with elastic padding support for upgrading of the rail line between Berlin and Cottbus, Germany**

Deutsche Bahn is investing approx. 130 million euros from the economic stimulus programmes of the German federal government in upgrading the rail section between Königs Wusterhausen and Lübbenau, on the line between Berlin and Cottbus.

**Neumarkt, Germany, 3 December 2010 – RAIL.ONE Group, successful manufacturer of concrete sleepers and systems provider for railtrack infrastructure, has taken part in extensive delivery of concrete sleepers for upgrading the 60-km section of rail line between Königs Wusterhausen and Lübbenau, near Berlin, for higher-speed traffic. Around 130 million euros is being invested in upgrading the line, with funds primarily coming from the economic stimulus programmes of the German federal government.**

Beginning in June 2010 and lasting up to and including December of the same year, RAIL.ONE has delivered almost 50,000 main-track sleepers with elastic base padding made by the company Getzner, as well as turnout sleepers for approx. 30 turnout sets, from production at the German RAIL.ONE plants in Neumarkt, Langen, and Kirchmöser. This is the first track-construction project in Germany in which sleepers with elastic base padding are used to such extent to prevent propagation of structure-borne sound and to protect structures located near the tracks. As Gundolf Spitzner, Senior Vice President of German Business at RAIL.ONE, emphasized: "To able us to successfully meet the tight delivery schedule, our production has included manufacture of the sleepers on a three-shift basis at our plant in Neumarkt. This has required precise coordination of logistics and production procedures among the participating partners, together with spot-on delivery. And our proficiency here is one of the reasons why we won this project. After all, it is precisely as Q1 supplier for Deutsche Bahn for many years that we

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have proved precisely these capabilities for many other similar projects – including construction of the line from Nuremberg to Munich, via Ingolstadt, and by expansion of the commuter-rail network in the Nuremberg metropolitan area. As a result, this contract is also confirmation of our good work over the past years.”

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### **Profile of RAIL.ONE GmbH:**

RAIL.ONE GmbH conducts business with the goal of providing comprehensively oriented systems and engineering for the entire field of railway tracks with its many and varied requirements. With its patented RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system, the company has achieved an internationally leading position in the field of high-speed rail transportation. In addition, RAIL.ONE manufactures main-track and turnout sleepers made of concrete. In these areas, RAIL.ONE GmbH – as one-stop supplier and in close collaboration with its customers and partners – performs all activities involved in product development, manufacture, and application of concrete sleepers: beginning with engineering; including production, supply, and logistics; and extending to quality management.

With over 700 employees in its plants in Germany, China, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Korea, Turkey, and Hungary, RAIL.ONE offers annual production capacity for 3.3 million main-track sleepers, as well as over 680,000 linear metres of turnout sleepers. The company achieves average annual sales of approximately €160 million.

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