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New project success in further development of international business:

RAIL.ONE will collaborate in upgrading the Western and Central Railway Line in the Republic of Ghana

** Agreement with KAMPAC Oil Group of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for production and delivery of 2 million railway sleepers for this railway project in the Republic of Ghana*

** Construction of a concrete sleeper production plant in Huni Valley will create new jobs in the region*

Berlin and Neumarkt, Germany, 5 December 2007 – RAIL.ONE GmbH, internationally successful manufacturer of concrete railway sleepers, and systems provider for railway track, today signed an agreement with KAMPAC Oil Group of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, for production and delivery of approximately 2 million concrete sleepers for the Republic of Ghana. The order is for more than €85 million. The signature ceremony took place in the presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Ghana to Germany, Mr. Grant Ohemeng Kesse, in the Bavarian Representation in Berlin.

Construction of a production plant in Huni Valley, in Ghana

The railway sleepers will be installed for expansion and new construction of the 700-kilometre Western and Central Railway Line in the West African country of Ghana. The line leads from the port city of Takoradi on the southern coast of the country, northward to the border with Burkina Faso. RAIL.ONE Group will construct a sleeper production plant in-country, in Huni Valley, Ghana, with an investment volume of €7 million. The plant, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-2008, will feature

the most advanced in production and plant-facilities technology, and will create 130 new jobs in the region. It is planned to produce approx. 400,000 concrete sleepers annually in this plant. In the construction of such plants, RAIL.ONE draws on its long years of experience in such business. The company is the only provider of industrial systems and solutions that can offer four different production processes for concrete sleepers, which can be modified in accordance with individual project requirements. The combination of plant engineering and production expertise, in addition, guarantees for the customer the required top level of quality standards.

This new project is the first contract for RAIL.ONE Group in Africa, and signifies its entry into a further international market. Through the cultivation of a long-term partnership with KAMPAC Oil Group, this process promises attractive opportunities for further development of business. For Richard Ziegler, Managing Director (CEO) of RAIL.ONE GmbH, this contract is further verification of the high level of competency of the company in concrete-sleeper technology. Ziegler said, "At the same time, we will also support local added-value through integration into the regional industry and the creation of new jobs."

Only a few weeks earlier, RAIL.ONE Group signed a joint-venture agreement for delivery of approx. 850,000 main-track sleepers, as well as 35,000 linear metres of turnout sleepers for a major rail-infrastructure project in Saudi Arabia.

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 and their many and varied requirements. With its patented RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system, the company has also 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 – in close collaboration with its customers and partners – performs as one-stop supplier 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 its plants in Germany, China, Romania, Spain, South Korea, Turkey, and Hungary, RAIL.ONE annually produces more than 2.5 million main-track sleepers, as well as over 600,000 liner metres of turnout sleepers. In 2006, the company achieved annual sales of approximately €150 million.

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