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RAIL.ONE puts Leipzig on track

For its Leipzig City Tunnel project Deutsche Bahn is banking on the RAIL.ONE Group's RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system

Leipzig, 14 December 2013 – With much ceremony and in the presence of numerous guests from the realms of politics and business, the Leipzig City Tunnel, one of the most important transport projects in central Germany, was officially opened after a construction period of ten years. The RAIL.ONE Group, one of the world's leading manufacturers of concrete sleepers and systems provider for railway tracks, was one of the pioneers of this once-in-a-lifetime project with its internationally renowned RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system.

With the Leipzig City Tunnel the Saxon metropolis is adapting to the changing demands of inner-city and international rail traffic. Whereas previously major mainline stations were the departure and arrival points for train journeys and mostly linked cities with one another, nowadays they are also part of the urban transit network. Because the growing demands for mobility have brought with them an increasing focus on fast and flexible integration of entire commuter belts, terminus stations, with their unidirectional routing and associated detours, constitute an obstacle. The Leipzig City Tunnel now links the three rail terminals of the Saxon city under the old town and will be used by almost all lines of the new Central German rapid transit network. On a stretch about 4 km long the entire superstructure in the tunnel structures was fitted with RAIL.ONE's ballastless track system RHEDA 2000®. The bi-block sleepers were produced at RAIL.ONE's factory in Coswig, Saxony. This local connection was especially important to Jochen Riepl, Chief Executive Officer of RAIL.ONE GmbH: "RHEDA 2000® is being used in countless large cities all over the world. But here in Leipzig it's like a home game for us. We are delighted that for the City Tunnel, Deutsche Bahn opted for a solution that is being produced in

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the region. Thanks to the geographical proximity and the personal connection this project was also very special for our workforce." This major project was officially opened with speeches from Saxony's Minister President Stanislaw Tillich, Minister for Economic Affairs Sven Morlok, Leipzig's Mayor Burkhard Jung and railway chief Rüdiger Grube. In addition, rapid transit trains converged in a "star" formation and a tunnel party was held. Rail traffic will start operating through the City Tunnel from 15 December.



Caption:

The RHEDA 2000® ballastless track system is preparing the way to the future for Leipzig's urban transport system.

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Profile of RAIL.ONE GmbH:

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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 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.

With around 700 employees in its plants in Germany, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, South Korea, Turkey, and Hungary, RAIL.ONE offers total annual production capacity for 4 million main-track sleepers, as well as for over 580,000 linear metres of turnout sleepers. The company achieves average annual sales of approximately €130 million.

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