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Press release

Eiffage and Captrain secured in consortium two works packages worth almost €415 million in the SNCF Réseau call for tenders for industrial renovation of the rail network

Eiffage, through its subsidiary Eiffage Rail, and Captrain have been selected in consortium by SNCF Réseau - the national rail network management company, to carry out track renovation works, following the call for tenders it launched in 2022. These contracts represent a confirmed total amount of almost €415 million (Eiffage share 80%), potentially rising to over €790 million with the activation of extendible annual tranches.

The first contract covers the replacement of track equipment for the Atlantique, Nord and Sud-Est high-speed lines. The fixed tranche will run for four years (2025 to 2028) with an option for two additional years in 2029 and 2030.

Between 2025 and 2028, 49 track equipment will be replaced at weekends with all rail traffic suspended, requiring huge commitments of equipment and human resources – over a hundred workers per shift.

The second contract concerns the renovation of conventional tracks using industrial methods, across the entire national rail network. The firm tranche will run for three years (2025 to 2027) with an option for three additional years (2028 to 2030).

Between 2025 and 2027, 524 kilometres of track will be renovated across the country. Work will mostly take place at night, with around 400 employees from the two companies operating Eiffage Rail's factory-trains and Captrain's traction equipment. These high-performance machines can renovate the rails, ballast and sleepers for approximately 1,000 metres of track per shift, also ensuring that the line can be reopened to commercial rail traffic at the end of each shift.

For this second contract, various innovations will be introduced to promote recycling and reduce the operation's carbon footprint. For example, rail and sleeper panels will be cut up and reused on site, and from 2027 onward, hydrogen production and storage equipment will allow the locomotives to operate in hybrid electric/hydrogen mode.

As SNCF Réseau commits massive resources to renovating the French rail network, these two contracts consolidate Eiffage Rail's and Captrain's position at the centre of the country's industrial rail sector.

About Eiffage

Eiffage is one of Europe's leading construction and concessions companies. The Group's activities are organised around the following business lines: construction, real estate and urban development, civil engineering, metal, roads, energy and concessions. Thanks to the experience of more than 78,200 employees, Eiffage generated revenue of €21.8 billion in 2023, of which 31 percent was outside France.

About Eiffage Rail

Eiffage Rail works in partnership with its customers in France and beyond to design, build, service, maintain and manage safe and efficient rail infrastructure, sustainably connecting regions and facilitating the movement of people and freight.

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About Captrain

Captrain France is the country's second-largest freight transport company. A subsidiary of Rail Logistics Europe (the rail logistics division of SNCF), it operates more than 400 commercial trains a week across the national rail network, provides rail logistics on its customers' industrial sites, and supplies expertise and machinery to trackwork businesses. A dynamic and rapidly growing company, Captrain France employs 1,000 people and generated revenue of €180 million in 2023.

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