Dellner Equip New Hitachi trains for IEP

**On the 9th of December, Dellner signed a contract with Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd. for supplying the carriage gangways, couplers and adapters for new Hitachi Class 800 series trains.**

The signing ceremony was held at Dellner facility in Swadlincote, UK where
the representatives of two companies gathered. The contract covers the production of 1 500 new gangways, 1732 coupler and 488 adapters. The intermediate products will connect up to 866 carriages on the 122 new express trains that will be used on the East Coast and Great Western Main Lines. The new trains will come into service in 2017 as a result of the Intercity Express Programme Initiative.

Jamie Foster, Procurement Director, signed the contract on behalf of Hitachi Rail Europe and David Pagels, CEO and President, signed the contract on behalf of Dellner Limited.

Mr Pagels said: “Dellner are proud and excited to be working closely with Hitachi on this project and other projects going forward. The efforts of both the Swedish and UK teams will result in an outstanding products for the new express trains. We hope that it is a start of long term cooperation between two successful companies.”

Dellner Limited is an English subsidiary of Swedish company which is the world leading producer of train connection systems. The design and manufacturing of full range of gangways is carried out in UK. The products manufactured by the English subsidiary are sold through other Dellner sites all over the world while providing local After Sales services. Focus on high quality at every stage of manufacture and precise testing of the products provides the assurance of safety of the passengers. Experienced staff and developed processes ensure customized solutions and reliability in all areas.

Dellner offer wild range of materials for bellows construction of the gangways which are highly fire retardant, durable and have high noise attenuation. Moreover, they have customized passenger width and can be applied in all climate zones. Design and development of the gangways for Hitachi Rail Europe is well underway, with the first units to be delivered in March 2014.

Jamie Foster commented: “The gangways that will be used on the new Class 800 series trains will be built here in the UK. This gives us the reassurance that over the 27.5 years that Hitachi Rail Europe is contracted to maintain the trains, the gangway manufacturers are in close proximity to provide support. Dellner join the ranks of British-based railway suppliers we have already selected as our partners, including companies such as Romag, Nomad Digital, GB Railfreight and Knorr-Bremse, who have already won contracts or have been selected as our preferred bidder.

During the contract selection process, Dellner were able to produce a prototype and mock-ups for us to test. Needless to say, we were impressed with the performance and they were able to demonstrate that they can deliver on both quality and reliability.”

Gary Shuttleworth, Managing Director of Dellner Limited in the UK commented: “We are delighted to have secured this contract from Hitachi for supplying gangways, couplers and adapter. Dellner has long experience in producing the couplers. The high technical profile is guaranteed by a rich portfolio of products covering over 1200 different types of couplings divided into 14 modules and compatible with any type of train.

Dellner Limited is especially proud of this contract as the gangways will be designed and built at our UK site. Aftersales service and support, including spares, repair and overhauls will also be supported from Swadlincote for the life of the vehicles. ”

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