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One of the rail infrastructure projects of the century:

OBERMEYER designs for RAIL BALTICA in Estonia

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The RB Rail AS, the joint venture of the RAIL BALTICA project, has assigned OBERMEYER with the technical design and designer supervision services for constructions of the last Estonian section of the RAIL BALTICA main line. Now the contract has been signed.

„Signing this contract is very important for the project. It marks a milestone: Now the entire Rail Baltica main line in Estonia is in the technical design stage”, says Agnis Driksna, interim CEO of RB Rail AS.

OBERMEYER together with the PROINTEC S.A., a Spanish civil engineering company, supplied the design which is now to be implemented. 85% of the financial budget for the planning of RAIL BALTICA in Estonia are provided by the European Union, 15% by Estonia itself.

The line is a 93.5 km long high-speed section which, according to the preliminary design, includes nine railway bridges, 15 road viaducts, seven railway viaducts and eleven animal passages (ecoducts). The total length of the RAIL BALTICA line in Estonia, which is now completely in the technical design stage, is 213 km.

During the next 27 months, the consortium will complete geotechnical investigations and prepare a detailed technical design for the construction of the railway substructure and superstructure as well as for the railway infrastructure. After the design works have been completed the consortium continues to provide designer supervision services during construction stage of the project.

„Of course, the entire planning, both for the routing and the engineering structures, is carried out using the latest digital tools by applying Building Information Modeling”, explains Dr. Ioannis Kiru from OBERMEYER, who has been in a leading role in this project from the very beginning.

The RAIL BALTICA project - the symbolic return of the Baltic Countries to Europe

RAIL BALTICA is a project of the century: it is the largest infrastructure project in the Baltic region of the last 100 years and one of the European Union's priority infrastructure projects. The 870 km electrified line will be designed to carry both passengers (maximum speed 249 km/h) and freight (maximum speed 120 km/h).

The project involves five countries of the European Union: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and indirectly Finland. The goal is to integrate the Baltic States into the European railway network. The new line will connect the cities of Tallinn, Pärnu, Riga, Panevežys, Kaunas, Vilnius and Warsaw.

This is the background: One reason is that the track gauge of the European railway lines (1435 mm) is different from the Russian (1520 mm). That's why railway services are mainly provided on the east-west axis using the existing 1520 mm gauge system. As a result, connecting the Baltic States with the rest of the EU via Poland was difficult and expensive so far. Furthermore a high speed connection between the different countries is important to optimize transport and business in the region.

For this reasons there is an agreement about the need to eliminate the missing north-south rail link. This is the only way to ensure the full integration of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania into the European railway area.

„RAIL BALTICA, the new railway link between the Baltic States and Europe, is currently the largest infrastructure project on the continent. It is a privilege to participate and work together with Prointec. OBERMEYER has already planned and implemented various important rail infrastructure projects. We look forward to contributing our skills and knowledge to this task", said Maximilian Grauvogl, Managing Director of the OBERMEYER Group.

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With more than 1,400 employees, we operate throughout the world in the business fields Buildings, Transport and Technical Equipment as well as with our consulting institutes for Energy and Environment in almost every sphere of construction engineering and planning.

We are planning visions: Inspired by our founder Leonhard Obermeyer, today we are already thinking about the day after tomorrow. It is always our standard, supported by the latest digital tools (Building Information Modeling / BIM) and agile methods, to provide the most intelligent solution and to create groundbreaking results.

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Agnis Driksna and Jose Manuel Lendoiro in front of the Rail Baltica map



Group photo after signing the contracts

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