



## PRESS RELEASE

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The UNISIG Consortium (UNISIG) is pleased to announce the acceptance, with effect from 1 January 2014, of the application for Full UNISIG Membership from AŽD Praha and CONSTRUCCIONES Y AUXILIAR DE FERROCARRILES, S.A. (CAF).

This is a major milestone since the existence of UNISIG as 2 new companies have become Full Members of UNISIG. Prior to this enlargement, the Full Members of UNISIG were the founding members: Alstom, Ansaldo STS, Bombardier, Siemens AG and Thales.

AŽD Praha is a longstanding Czech supplier of railway signalling equipment and was the company to join as the first Associated Member of UNISIG in 2009.

CAF, based in Beasain, Spain, is well known as a supplier of a full range of Railway Rolling Stock and Railway Transportation Solutions, including trackside and onboard signalling and control systems. CAF joined UNISIG as Associated Member in 2012.

Jacques Poré, Alstom, and Chairman of the UNISIG Steering Committee, said “On behalf of the UNISIG partners I warmly welcome AZD and CAF as Full Members of UNISIG. The professionalism of the two companies and their full commitment to UNISIG works as Associated Members was highly appreciated. I look forward to continuing our strong collaboration in the future”.

“During the last few years, AZD and CAF have proven to be ready for Full Member status at UNISIG,” said Michel Van Liefferinge, “In their new status UNISIG will increasingly build on their support in the ERTMS/ETCS standardisation work”.

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

UNISIG was founded in 1999 at the specific request of the EU Commission with the task of drafting the technical specifications for ERTMS/ETCS. It has always been a purely technical body first working in close co-operation with the AEIF (the European Association for Railway Interoperability) and, since its formation in 2005, with the European Railway Agency (ERA). The majority of the detailed ETCS technical specifications have been produced by, and still today are being maintained and updated by, UNISIG in close collaboration with the ERTMS Unit of the ERA as part of the ERTMS Change Control Management (CCM) process. At present, UNISIG is composed of seven Full Members - Alstom, Ansaldo STS, AŽD Praha, Bombardier, CAF, Siemens AG and Thales - and an Associated Member - MerMec.

AŽD Praha s.r.o is the most significant, exclusive Czech supplier of transportation, signalling telecommunications, automation and information technology. Due to its long tradition and history, dating back to 1954, the Company has gained a leading position among the suppliers of this technology in the Czech market. AŽD Praha today has about 1700 employees and provides solutions in the fields of railway traffic, underground operation and plant transportation, telecommunications, information and radio systems, telematic applications, signalling and parking systems, new phone and public address systems for railway traffic control and passenger information, a number of other products.

CONSTRUCCIONES Y AUXILIAR DE FERROCARRILES, S.A. (CAF) was founded in 1917, and is currently one of the leader companies in design and supply of Rolling Stock and Railway Transportation solutions worldwide. With a workforce in excess of 7,000 employees, CAF is one of the main Rolling Stock suppliers in the world based on turnover. CAF boasts five plants in Spain, as well as Affiliate companies and plants around the world, in the United States, Mexico, Brazil, France, Argentina, Ireland, Italy, Algeria, Turkey and Chile.

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