



SAB WABCO SIGNS 8.5 MILLION EURO CONTRACT WITH SIEMENS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (TS) FOR METRO KAOHSIUNG IN TAIWAN

Malmö, Sweden 15 March, 2004 – SAB WABCO has signed a contract with Siemens TS in Austria for the supply of brake and coupler systems for 42 three-car trains for the Kaohsiung Rapid Transit Corporation (KRTC). The order includes engineering and production of complete brake and coupler systems. This contract amounts to approximately 8.5 million euros. Shipments of the first phase of production are scheduled for late 2004. The new metro, which will serve more than 1.4 million Kaohsiung inhabitants, is expected to be operational during the second half of 2007.

For SAB WABCO, the order includes delivery of a complete brake system with complete brake control, air generation and bogie brake parts. SAB WABCO will also supply complete automatic and semi-permanent coupler systems, including its PROPACT[®] type automatic coupler. This is the first application of PROPACT[®] in an Asian metro project.

The equipment will be produced in Italy, France and Germany and initial delivery is scheduled for late 2004. The choice by Siemens TS of SAB WABCO's new technologies lays the groundwork for future supply of Siemens TS metro vehicles. Final delivery is planned for 2007.

"We have had an excellent business relationship with Siemens Transportation Systems for many years and I am pleased to see that it is continuing to develop," said Ingar Jensen, CEO and President of SAB WABCO group AB. "Taiwan is also an important market for SAB WABCO and this deal illustrates our ability to realise new opportunities. With our technology and our global and local experience, we are prepared to be full players in the high-growth Asian market."

Located in southern Taiwan with a population of around 1.45 million, Kaohsiung is the island's second largest city. It is also the home of Taiwan's largest industrial centre and the third largest container port in the world. Kaohsiung has kept pace with Taiwan's progress and newfound prosperity with expansion and modernisation. The city has planned its own new metro project, which includes the 28.3 km long Red Line and the 14.4 km long Orange Line. The Red Line will serve 23 planned stations along a north-south route. The Orange Line, with 14 planned stations, will run from east to west.

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About SAB WABCO

SAB WABCO is a leading supplier of brake, coupler and wheelset systems for trains and rail vehicles. The company offers complete, fully integrated systems as well as life-cycle services for every segment of the railway industry.

Headquartered in southern Sweden, SAB WABCO employs about 1800 people worldwide and has annual revenues of more than €300 million euros. It has five primary production units located in France, Italy, Germany and Sweden and sales and service units across Europe, Asia, North America and South America.

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