

Press Statement

LONDON, 26 FEBRUARY 2010 – (IEP). Since designation as preferred bidder in February 2009, Agility Trains has been working hard to meet the government's requirements for this programme. We are disappointed that a contract will not be concluded before the UK general election. However we will continue our ambitious planning for production and maintenance facilities in the UK to support the programme, in anticipation of concluding the contract under the next Parliament.

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About Agility Trains Ltd.

Agility Trains is a bidding consortium formed to bid for the UK Intercity Express Programme. The company shareholders are Hitachi Ltd (70%) and John Laing (30%).

For more information on Agility Trains, please visit the company's website at <http://www.agilitytrains.com>.

About Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd.

Hitachi Rail Europe Ltd., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi Europe, Ltd. and is headquartered in London, UK. Hitachi Rail Europe is a total railway system supplier offering rolling stock, traction equipment, signalling, traffic management systems, and maintenance depots.

Hitachi draws on many years of experience as a leading supplier of high-speed trains such as the Shinkansen (bullet train) for the Japanese and international markets. In Europe, Hitachi Rail Europe's first rolling stock contract was to deliver a fleet of 29 Class 395 trains, the first domestic high-speed train in the UK. The trains are maintained at Hitachi's state of the art depot in Ashford, Kent.

For more information about the company, please visit: www.Hitachirail-eu.com .

About John Laing

John Laing plc is a specialist provider of facilities through public private partnerships with a long-term perspective and approach. The company manages and delivers 67 projects from planning and funding through to design, construction and operation. It is actively involved in the management of a wide range of health, education, police, rail, roads and special purpose government facilities. <http://www.laing.com/>

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