

SYSTRA continues its ambitious growth trajectory across ANZ with the acquisition of Rail Systems Australia

Perth, 5 December 2023 - SYSTRA has signed an agreement to acquire Rail Systems Australia, an Australian company specialising in engineering, signalling and telecommunications in the rail sector.

Rail Systems Australia was founded in 2017 in Perth and employs 130 people across offices in Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne. It specialises in rail signalling, rail telecommunications, asset management and systems engineering.

This acquisition will enable SYSTRA to complete its range of services, not only for SYSTRA Australia and New Zealand (SYSTRA ANZ), but also for the Group as a whole.

Australia is one of the most dynamic economies in the world, with a strong growth rate in transport infrastructure construction. In expanding skills and numbers in the systems integration space, at a time where the need for efficient, reliable, and adaptable infrastructure projects has never been greater, SYSTRA has reinforced its position as a key player in the sector, able to meet the needs of the region's fast-growing rail market.

SYSTRA is currently contributing to several major projects in Australia and New Zealand, including the Sydney Metro, the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP), NorthConnex, Newcastle Light Rail and Cross River Rail.

As the infrastructure market continues to evolve, moving away from mega projects and placing increased focus on asset management, operations and maintenance, digital system upgrades and integration to futureproof our networks, SYSTRA ANZ is now poised to bring an expanded local team, backed by global best practice to deliver better, more sustainable and integrated public transport networks to the region.

This is the second acquisition for this year, with SYSTRA ANZ acquiring Bamser, an Australian-based infrastructure consultancy renowned for its excellence in underground engineering in March.

Alana Newbrook, Managing Director, SYSTRA Australia & New Zealand, said: "The year 2023 got off to a good start with the acquisition of Bamser, which specialises in tunnel and underground infrastructure engineering, and is ending on a high note with the agreement signed with Rail Systems Australia. The integration of Rail Systems Australia into SYSTRA makes complete sense: we work in the same buoyant sector of railway engineering, and our skills naturally complement each other to offer a comprehensive service to our clients to meet their current and future challenges. More than ever, we are committed to strong growth in the Australian and New Zealand markets, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients and partners, with whom we are moving forward with confidence. We look forward to welcoming new talent to Rail Systems Australia to continue the adventure together!"

Tom Warner, Managing Director of Rail Systems Australia, added: "We are delighted to announce this agreement with the SYSTRA Group, which has been our benchmark in the transport and mobility sector. This is a major step in our development and our combined expertise will serve the country's ambitions in terms of transport: to promote safe and sustainable mobility for all."

About Rail Systems Australia

Rail Systems Australia is an independent rail engineering practice focussed on the integration of telecommunications, signalling and train control systems to deliver safer, more efficient, more reliable and more sustainable rail operations. Rail Systems Australia works with rail operators across Australia and New Zealand in planning for the future and developing solutions to help navigate technological change. Rail Systems Australia's talented engineers all share the company's vision to make rail the preferred method of transportation.

About SYSTRA

SYSTRA is one of the world's leading engineering and consultancy groups specialising in public transport and mobility solutions. For more than 65 years, the Group has been committed to helping cities and territories to contribute to their development by creating, improving, and modernising their transport infrastructures. With its 10,600 employees, the Group's mission is to make travel more fluid throughout the world in order to bring populations closer together and facilitate access to employment, education and leisure. The signature team for transport solutions, SYSTRA supports its partners and clients throughout the lifecycle of their projects.

After completing its first project in Australia almost 20 years ago, SYSTRA opened its first permanent office in New Zealand in 2022 and continues to grow in both geography and headcount.

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