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MERMEC becomes associated member of Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU)

The European Commission has selected MERMEC as Associated Member of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking. MERMEC is the only Italian company among the 19 legal entities finally selected.

Brussels, 23 December 2015 –MERMEC is officially one of the 19 legal entities - the only Italian - have been just appointed by the European Commission as Associated Member of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking for the period 2015 - 2024.

The nomination has taken into account the results of the evaluation made by the Governing Body of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking through an open, non-discriminatory and competitive call launched on 6 October 2014.

The selection of the associated members, started more than 1 year ago, has been articulated in a two-stage evaluation process during which the international applicants have been assessed for their potential contribution in achieving the objectives of the S2R JU.

About Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking - www.shift2rail.org

The Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking (S2R JU) is a new public-private partnership in the rail sector, established under Horizon 2020, to provide a platform for coordinating research activities with a view to driving innovation in the rail sector in the years to come. It was established on 7 July 2014, following the entry into force of Council Regulation (EU) No 642/2014 of 16 June 2014 establishing the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

The rationale for setting up a Joint Undertaking is that the pooling and coordination of R&I efforts at EU level stands a better chance of success given the transnational nature of the infrastructure and technologies to be developed in support of the Single European Railway Area, and the need to achieve a sufficient mass of resources.

Rail research conducted within Shift2Rail must contribute to addressing the challenges faced by the rail sector through a comprehensive and coordinated approach to research and innovation focusing on the needs of the rail system and of its users.

About MERMEC – www.mermecgroup.com

MERMEC is a global leader and technology innovator specialized in the design and development of measuring trains and signaling systems for railways and rapid transit worldwide. The Group has offices in 17 countries and a unique portfolio of advanced solutions for increasing safety, efficiency and availability of railway networks.

MERMEC has sold over 900 measuring systems to the most important railways and metro companies around the world; 90% of the high-speed diagnostic trains currently in use around the world are powered by MERMEC technology. MERMEC is a member company of the Angelo Investments hi-tech holdings, which includes SITAEI developing satellites and Blackshape producing carbon-fiber aircraft.