



PRESS RELEASE

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## **METALLIANCE announces an order for 4 rubber-tired trains (TSP) for the construction of tunnels for the Naples-Bari high-speed rail line in Italy**

**METALLIANCE is responsible for the design, manufacture, delivery and commissioning of the vehicles, scheduled for mid-2022 for the first two TSPs**

**METALLIANCE (EURONEXT ACCESS FR0010492181)**, a company specialized in the design and manufacture of industrial equipment and mobile machinery, announces an order for 4 rubber-tired trains (TSP) from the Hirpinia AV Scarl joint venture, made up of the companies Webuild and Astaldi, on behalf of RFI/Italferr. The vehicles are to be used for the construction of the rail section between Apice and Hirpinia as part of the new Naples-Bari high-speed rail line in Italy.

The contract covers the design, manufacture, delivery and commissioning of the vehicles. The vehicles are to be delivered in two stages, with the first two TSPs arriving at the Italian site in mid-2022.

### **A flexible and adapted technology**

The vehicles supplied by METALLIANCE are distinguished by their modularity. Thus, the 4 TSPs, essentially intended for the transport of segments for the construction of the 3 tunnels of the railway section, will have the particularity of being able to adapt to other uses thanks to the addition of subframes, also supplied by METALLIANCE and allowing the installation of dumpsters for the evacuation of excavated material. This equipment is also designed to facilitate the unloading of segments from the front of the vehicle thanks to a system of articulations allowing the driver's cab to be folded.

The TSPs also stand out for their performance, as they are capable of supporting loads of up to 100 tons.



TSP of the METALLIANCE range for transporting segments

### A structuring project for southern Italy

The project in which METALLIANCE is involved is part of the new railroad line that will connect Naples to Bari, one of the most important projects currently underway in Italy and part of the Scandinavia-Mediterranean corridor 5 of the Trans-European Network (TEN). The link between Naples and Bari, the two most populated cities in the south of the peninsula, is a strategic axis for the economic development of the region.

The Apice-Hirpinia section will run for 18.7 km between the cities of Avellino and Benevento in Campania. It will include the construction of three tunnels: Rocchetta (6445 meters), Grottaminarda (1965 meters) and Melito (4415 meters).

### Confirmation of METALLIANCE's presence in Italy

METALLIANCE is present in Italy through Tunrock Srl, a consulting and supply company of machinery and equipment for tunnel excavation, quarries and mines as well as for large infrastructure projects, based in the Bergamo region of Lombardy. A collaboration of more than 10 years has resulted in numerous contracts for major tunneling projects in Italy. The Apice-Hirpinia railway section is another example of the successful collaboration between METALLIANCE and the Italian company.

*“Our company is delighted to be involved in such a large-scale project in Italy, which will link the two main cities in the south of the peninsula at high speed. Known for having invented the train on pneumatic wheels, and present today on very large sites throughout the world, METALLIANCE is proud of the range of its technologies as well as the know-how of its teams. This capacity to respond with flexibility and creativity to the needs of its customers allows METALLIANCE to intervene today on this demanding project, the usefulness of which will be widely perceived in the region”, says Jean-Claude COTHENET, CEO of METALLIANCE.*

## About METALLIANCE

METALLIANCE is a company specialized in the study and realization of industrial equipment and mobile machines. It designs and builds equipment for the realization of infrastructures in the world of transport (road, rail, metro) and energy (oil and gas, steam...).

Since July 2020, METALLIANCE has been part of GAUSSIN, an engineering group which designs, assembles and markets innovative products and services in the field of freight transport and clean and intelligent mobility. GAUSSIN has been listed on Euronext Growth in Paris since 2010.

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## About GAUSSIN

GAUSSIN is an engineering company that designs, assembles and sells innovative products and services in the transport and logistics field. Its know-how encompasses cargo and passenger transport, autonomous technologies allowing for self-driving solutions such as Automotive Guided Vehicles, and the integration all types of batteries, electric and hydrogen fuel cells in particular. With more than 50,000 vehicles worldwide, GAUSSIN enjoys a strong reputation in four fast-expanding markets: port terminals, airports, logistics and people mobility. The group has developed strategic partnerships with major global players in order to accelerate its commercial penetration: Siemens Postal, Parcel & Airport Logistics in the airport field, Bolloré Ports and ST Engineering in ports and Bluebus for people mobility. GAUSSIN has broadened its business model with the signing of license agreements accelerating the diffusion of its technology throughout the world. The acquisition of METALLIANCE confirms the emergence of an international group present in all segments of intelligent and clean vehicles.

In October 2021, GAUSSIN won the Dubai World Challenge for Self-Driving Transport.

In January 2022, GAUSSIN successfully completed the 2022 Dakar Rally with its H2 Racing Truck, the first hydrogen-powered vehicle to enter the race and generate zero CO2 emissions.

In March 2022, Christophe Gaussin was named “Hydrogen Personality of the year” at the Hydrogénies - Trophées de l'hydrogène ceremony held at the French National Assembly.

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