

Press release

CERTIFER ACQUIRES BELGORAIL : SYNERGY BETWEEN THE AGILITY OF AN SME AND THE DECISIVE LEVERAGE OF A LARGE GROUP

2017 marks a milestone year for the Belgian leader in railway certification. [BELGORAIL](#), established in Brussels as a result of consolidation of VINCOTTE, AGORIA and TRANSURB, has been acquired by the French [CERTIFER](#) group, a key player in the domain.

Brussels, 2 August 2017 – Since its foundation in June 2004, the BELGORAIL enterprise has witnessed rapid development, becoming a significant presence in the railway sector, both nationally and internationally. This success story has played out against a backdrop of diversification regarding materials supply and within the context of the global liberalisation imposed by Europe.

"Our experts' meticulous and outstanding technical abilities, along with the internationalisation of our high quality services, have been key in our development," emphasises Jean-Marc Dupas, BELGORAIL's Managing Director.

To strengthen BELGORAIL's position regarding developments in the inspection and certification regimes governing the railway sector, throughout 2016 the Management Board and the company's founders carefully considered the enterprise's future and strategy. The outcome of these analyses resulted in VINCOTTE, TRANSURB and AGORIA seeking a solid partner; one with ample knowledge of BELGORAIL's activities and capable of supporting the company in its future development.

As a result of these steps, BELGORAIL is now part of the CERTIFER group; experts in the evaluation of urban and rail transportation systems. Active in over forty countries, CERTIFER has its head office in France.

CERTIFER has been a notified body and ISA (Independent Safety Assessor) since 1997, with branches in France, Italy, Turkey, Algeria, Brazil and Australia. The company also has a sub-office in Dubai, U.A.E. CERTIFER is active in large projects in France (Grand Paris, high speed lines, Lyon's metro, ...), as well as further afield (Dubai metro, electrification of Denmark's railways, the tram network for Rio's Olympic Games, Sydney's metro, ...).



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A Notified body since 2004, BELGORAIL is the market leader in Belgium, specialising in the organisation and implementation of testing activities (rolling stock and ETCS). The head office is in Brussels, with a sub-office in Spain.

“This merger presents exciting new development opportunities, particularly due to the group's diversification of activities regarding testing, the enrichment of the team of experts and the complementary nature of the accreditations and approvals by the various authorities,” agree Jean-marc Dupas and Pierre Kadziola, representatives of BELGORAIL and CERTIFER.

With the integration of the Belgian specialist and the French multinational, the emerging new group is positioned as one of the world's market leaders in railway certification. Excellent news for both BELGORAIL's and CERTIFER's clients, as well as for the entire railway sector.

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