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Finmeccanica: AnsaldoBreda Inc wins contract in San Francisco to upgrade 143 light rail vehicles

AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica company and leader in the production of rail vehicles, has won a five-year contract worth USD 54 million to upgrade 143 light rail vehicles for the city of San Francisco's public transport company (MUNI).

The contract, approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, will further strengthen the partnership between AnsaldoBreda and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

Gavin Newsom, mayor of San Francisco, commented, "This stimulus-funded contract will improve MUNI's reliability, durability and convenience for the benefit of passengers. Through our continued partnership with AnsaldoBreda, we are making the investment in our light rail system to keep San Francisco a transit-first city".

The vehicles will be transported to AnsaldoBreda's plant in Plattsburgh, California, where the doors, steps, couplers, air supply units, wiring and bearings will be overhauled.

Nathaniel P. Ford, CEO of SFMTA, said, "Our customers will appreciate the improved reliability of our light rail vehicles. We are committed to ensuring that our infrastructure is in a state of good repair for all of the people who use MUNI every day".

"We are delighted to collaborate with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and with San Francisco, a city that has been operating AnsaldoBreda vehicles since 1996", said Salvatore Bianconi, CEO of AnsaldoBreda. "Thanks to the overhaul and modernisation programme, the cars can be maintained in service on the streets of San Francisco for many years to come".

AnsaldoBreda (a Finmeccanica group company), established in 1853, has been producing electronic and mechanical systems as well as complete vehicles for over 150 years. These products represent the state of the art in the global rail transport industry. AnsaldoBreda Inc, a subsidiary of the Italian company, operates in North America where it has been supplying metro and tram vehicles since 1978.