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**SACYR SOMAGUE AND SACYR NEOPUL AWARDED THE
CONTRACT TO MODERNIZE THE
SINES-SOUTHERN LINE CONNECTION (PORTUGAL)**

Lisbon, March 9, 2021.- Sacyr Somague and Sacyr Neopul have been awarded the contract to modernize the 37.4-km railway connection between Sines and the Southern Line (Portugal), for 28.5 million euros.

With an execution period of 720 days, the contract includes modernizing the existing superstructure of the Sines Line, focusing mainly on the application of multi-purpose concrete railroad ties to facilitate the future transition from Iberian track width to European track width, in addition to the upgrade and stabilization of the platform to ensure maximum load capacity on the Sines Line and improve the future availability of the infrastructure.

“This contract is one more example of the capacity of Sacyr Somague and Sacyr Neopul within the railway sector and their unique experience in Portugal. As we have stated before, we are prepared to help modernize and develop the national railway plan,” says Eduardo Campos, CEO of the Sacyr Somague Group.

The recently awarded project joins others already underway, such as the construction of the Alandroal-Western Line subsection of the Évora Line, repair and upkeep of the 25 de Abril bridge, electrification of the Minho Line between Viana do Castelo and Valença-Frontera, maintenance of the railway and catenary installations of the Southern Maintenance Operating Center (*Centro Operativo de Manutenimento Sur*) spanning nearly 880 km, and modernization of the Santa Comba Dão-Mangualde section of the Beira Alta Line, recently awarded.

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The project to modernize the railway connection between Puerto de Sines and the Southern Line aims to eliminate capacity restrictions and enhance operating conditions, while improving the safety and viability of the railway system.

Project details:

- Modernization of the existing superstructure, focusing mainly on the application of multi-purpose concrete railroad ties to facilitate the future transition from Iberian track width to European track width.
- Upgrade and stabilization of the platform to ensure maximum load capacity on the Sines Line and improve the future availability of the infrastructure.
- Modernization of longitudinal and transverse drainage.
- Adaptation of the fixed electric traction infrastructures derived from station modifications or railway segment rectification.
- Construction of a new technical station and adaptation of the São Bartolomeu da Serra station to allow the circulation and crossing of freight trains 750 meters in length.
- Implementation of definitive traction current return and grounding system measures to increase the safety of passengers and freight and to improve availability of the infrastructure.
- Construction of overpasses to reduce the number of level crossings.



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