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## **Funkwerk CAIMAN CIS Solution gains Network Rail Product Acceptance**

Funkwerk Information Technologies Karlsfeld GmbH and UK partner Hima-Sella are pleased to announce that its CAIMAN Integrated Customer Information & Public Address System has received Network Rail product acceptance.

Designed to fully meet the needs of the modern train operating company, Funkwerk's CAIMAN is a fully automated application giving information for passengers, visually and via pre-recorded announcements. Each solution comprises standard architecture; a centralised dual server system, configured in Hot Standby controlled by a number of operational workstations and connected via a WAN to Station Interface Units (SIU). SIU's provide a connection to LED displays and the public address system at individual stations.

Product acceptance was achieved under Network Rail's CIS renewal scheme, which supplied passenger information at 23 stations between Bedford and London St Pancras International. The system was completed and introduced into operation in July 2008 and has since been expanded by First Capital Connect to include a further 7 stations on the Wimbledon Loop. Funkwerk also supplied a system to Northern Rail in 2009.

Chris Elliott, UK account manager for Funkwerk ITK at Hima-Sella comments, "This is another great achievement for the CAIMAN product and demonstrates Network Rail's commitment to introduce new and innovative technologies to the UK rail network. Achieving product approval demonstrates to the market place that new alternatives to the traditional supply base are now available." **ENDS**

### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

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#### Five Facts you should know about Hima-Sella

- Hima-Sella was established as Sella Controls in 1974, became **Hima-Sella** in 1994, and is a market leader in engineered solutions for safety, control and automation applications for the oil & gas, petrochemical, rail, steel and power industries.
- As the result of a management buy-in in 2007, the company is currently owned by **John Blackwell, Eddy Turnock and Ian Wright**, all formerly of Transmitton, a Siemens company.
- Services available range from the design, manufacture and installation of completely integrated systems, panel building, sub assemblies and product development, to initial consultation, project management, client training and 24-hour technical support.
- In 2001, Hima-Sella received the first ever Conformity Assessment of Safety-Related Systems (CASS) certificate for functional safety management in accordance with **IEC 61508**. Its quality management system has been approved to **BS EN ISO 9001** since 1989
- All Hima-Sella's control panels are built to comply with **BS EN 60947**.

#### **About Hima-Sella**

Hima-Sella is a market leader in engineered solutions for safety, control and automation applications in the oil & gas, petrochemical, rail, steel and power industries. Services include completely integrated systems, panel building, sub assemblies, product development and on-site support. The company, based in Stockport, currently has one hundred and five staff and a turnover of £10m. Established as Sella Controls in 1974, the company was appointed agent for HIMA Paul Hildebrandt for safety system products in 1983, becoming Hima-Sella in 1994 and in 2001 received the first ever CASS certificate awarded for functional safety management in accordance with IEC 61508. Hima-Sella's quality management system has been approved to BS EN ISO 9001 since 1989. Hima-Sella is an active member of the following:

- First Point Assessment Limited (FPAL), the industry database from which the oil and gas industries select their contractors and suppliers
- Link-Up – the standard database from which rail industries select contractors and suppliers
- Joint Qualification Scheme (JQS), the prerequisite for suppliers to the oil industry in Norway and Denmark, used by the top 20 oil companies in those countries.

Hima-Sella is also a member of several associations and industry-based councils, including the Energy Industries Council, the Institute of Measurement & Control, the Nuclear Industries Association and the Railway Industries Association, keeping the company up to date with the changes in legislation and standards. For more information contact: Hima-Sella Ltd, Carrington Field St, Stockport, Cheshire. SK1 3JN. UK. Tel: +44 (0) 161 429 4500. [www.hima-sella.co.uk](http://www.hima-sella.co.uk)

#### **About Funkwerk IT**

Funkwerk Information Technologies Karlsfeld GmbH, a branch of the Traffic & Control Communication division of Funkwerk AG, is among Europe's leading companies in the field of Customer Information Systems (CIS) for rail-bound transport. The company has recently been acquired, from Vossloh IT - an established supplier in the railway market, and integrated into Funkwerk AG to provide a complete portfolio of IT solutions for mobile applications. With its headquarters in Karlsfeld near Munich and outlets in Berlin, Wuppertal and Dresden, Funkwerk Information Technologies Karlsfeld GmbH has a staff of 140 and annual turnover of 25 million euros. The company develops information and communication technologies that benefit both passengers and operators. Active passenger services, optimised control processes, reduced operating and staff costs are gained from sophisticated IT solutions that convert timetable content and actual network data into valuable information for passengers and operators. Technologies are used for urban and public transport, national and international railways and airports. Funkwerk IT boasts an ample client list including German railway incumbent Deutsche Bahn, Swiss operator SBB, Luxembourg CFL and leading European airports including Amsterdam/Schiphol and Frankfurt/Rhein-Main.