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Save the Date!

ERTMS – Optimising Rail Investments Worldwide

(Paris, 5th July) UIC, International Union of Railways, is organising together with TCDD, Turkish railways, the 11th UIC ERTMS Conference - *Optimising Rail Investments Worldwide* in the HCC Convention Center in the Golden Horn of Istanbul near the Bosphorus. This international event entirely dedicated to ERTMS and both its components ETCS for train control and GSM-R for radio-communications, has become a worldwide reference for all decision-makers and railway professionals involved in the development of rail systems across the world.

The UIC ERTMS Word Conference programme will bring together the most knowledgeable professionals in the business to speak on a large variety of topics, and provides the main platform to take stock of progress and to publicly present an agenda for the future. It will propose a variety of sessions from 2 – 3 April 2014 and will highlight:

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| - User requirements | - Suppliers' experience |
| - Requirements for ERTMS | - Reducing costs – feedback and future perspectives |
| - State-of-the-art – target situation | - Implementation strategies |
| - ETCS on a stable and performing specification | - Technological progress of ERTMS |

There is currently a continuous demand to make a technological leap forward in a re-organised railway environment whereby both infrastructure and train operators can take advantage of the benefits of adopting ERTMS effectively.

On 1 April TCDD will propose a selection of technical visits in or around the city of Istanbul. It is worth mentioning that Turkish Railways is a railway with most ambitious plans and achievements in the current period, with the fast development of a high-speed rail system, new links for rail freight including new connections with neighbouring countries, the Marmaray Project under the Bosphorus linking Europe to Asia, etc.

During the 2014 ERTMS World Conference the railways and supply industry will come together to showcase the latest achievements of ERTMS and prove their commitment to further development and progress. The technical exhibition will convincingly demonstrate the supply potential and the application of leading technologies within the ERTMS concept.

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