



Ghella, in Joint Venture, wins rail bypass contract in Trento, Italy (Lot 3A)

8 February 2023 - **Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI)** of state rail operator **Gruppo FS Italiane**, has awarded the works for the design and construction of the **rail bypass (Lot 3A) project in Trento**, Italy to Ghella and its Joint Venture partners. The project, approximately **13 kilometres of rail line** and nearly all of it underground, is part of a **quadrupling of the Fortezza-Verona section** of the high-speed railway south of the **Brenner Base Tunnel**.

The project, identified as **strategic for the development of sustainable mobility** in Italy and part of the **National Plan for Recovery and Resilience**, will contribute to improving the international transport of cargo and has a value of **934 million euros**. Ghella's (35%) consortium partners include Webuild (51%), Collini (10%), SELI (4%).

The contract includes the construction of a natural tunnel – the **Trento Tunnel of approximately 10.6 kilometres in length** – and two short sections above ground alongside the existing line. **Four tunnel-boring machines (TBMs) will be deployed to excavate the tunnel**, with two working at either end of the projected tunnel. The rate of excavation is to reach between 15 and 20 metres a day, helping **accelerate the work**.

The bypass – known in Italian as the **“Circonvallazione di Trento”** – will be part of the **southern access to the Brenner Base Tunnel**. Ghella is currently working on one of the lots of this tunnel: the **Mules 2-3** lot in Italy.

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