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## **AnsaldoBreda signs contract for the automatic metro of Riyadh**

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### **The value of the contract for AnsaldoBreda is around euro 69 million**

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AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica company, as part of a temporary consortium formed with Ansaldo STS, also part of the Finmeccanica Group, has signed a contract worth a total of euro 218 million with SBG, the General Contractor, to design, build and put into service the automatic metro system for the "Princess Noura Bint Abdulrahman University for Women" of Riyadh, in Saudi Arabia.

AnsaldoBreda will supply a total of 22 two-carriage trains with an aluminium structure and driverless automatic system. Its share of the contract is worth a total of euro 69 million.

The trains - 28.7 metres long and 2.65 metres wide and with four wide doors each side to enable passengers to board and alight quickly and easily - will be equipped with state-of-the-art vibration and noise reduction systems to provide maximum comfort for passengers. The vehicles will have also full air conditioning and advanced passenger safety systems. Each train will be able to carry 143 passengers, including 24 seated.

The contract was signed at the stand of Finmeccanica at the Le Bourget Air Show in Paris, in the presence of Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and CEO Finmeccanica, Sheikh Bakr Binladin, Chairman of SBG, Salvatore Bianconi, CEO of AnsaldoBreda, and Sergio De Luca, CEO of Ansaldo STS.

This order from SBG, Saudi Arabia's most prestigious construction company, is further confirmation of the expertise of the two Italian companies, especially in the field of driverless metro systems.

AnsaldoBreda and Ansaldo STS have already built the Copenhagen automatic metro, which has been in operation since 2002 and won the title of metro of the year in 2008. They are currently building automatic metro systems in Italy (Brescia, Milan (line 5) and Rome (line C)) and abroad (Thessaloniki, and the Circular Line in Taipei).