

Cooperation between Alstom and ASELSAN on Rail Systems

17th December 2020- Alstom and ASELSAN entered into a collaboration agreement to establish a framework of cooperation and coordination in the field of ETCS Signaling Onboard. This collaboration agreement was signed by Dr. Ibrahim Bekar, Vice President of ASELSAN, and Mama Sougoufara, Alstom Middle East and Turkey Managing Director.

Main objective of this collaboration agreement is set as establishment of a long-term partnership to allow the two leading companies in the field of rail systems cooperate on both modernization and new product development in both global and local markets.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with a major Turkish technology company like ASELSAN. With this long-term partnership, Alstom will contribute to the modernization of railways in Turkey in compliance with the international standards. I strongly believe this partnership will achieve productive and innovative results in terms of deployment of ERTMS On-Board solutions for safe operations in the Turkish and global railway networks", says Mama Sougoufara, Alstom Middle East and Turkey Managing Director.

"I strongly believe that Alstom's experience in the field of rail systems and ASELSAN's technological capabilities will create synergy. This cooperation is intended to enable our country to reach the targets set in the 11th Development Plan and then, get into the global markets to be able to export technological products in the field of rail systems", says Dr. Ibrahim Bekar, Vice President of ASELSAN.

Alstom has been operating in Turkey for over 60 years. Its Istanbul Office serves as a regional headquarter for the AMECA region and Alstom Digital Mobility (ADM) as well as System & Infra projects. Activities of the Regional Center include bid management, project management, engineering, sourcing, training and maintenance services among many others.

About Alstom

Leading the way to greener and smarter mobility worldwide, Alstom develops and markets integrated systems that provide the sustainable foundations for the future of transportation. Alstom offers a complete range of equipment and services, from high-speed trains, metros, trams and e-buses to integrated systems, customised services, infrastructure, signalling and digital mobility solutions. Alstom recorded sales of €8.2 billion and booked orders of €9.9 billion in the 2019/20 fiscal year. Headquartered in France, Alstom is present in over 60 countries and employs 38,900 people.

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**About
ASELSAN**

As the largest defense electronics company of Turkey, ASELSAN offers a very wide product range to meet domestic and foreign authorities' needs regarding the communication and information technologies, radar and electronic warfare, electro-optics, avionics, unmanned systems, land, naval and weapon systems, air defence and missile systems, command and control systems, transportation, security, traffic, automation and health technologies. Today, ASELSAN is a brand that exports its original products, being included in the list of the world's top 100 defense industry companies (Defense News Top 100), and design collaboration models and establishes partnerships with local organizations in international markets and makes investments. With the emphasis on technology in its vision, ASELSAN has adopted the goal of "being an environment-friendly and philanthropist national technology company that maintains its sustainable growth with the values it creates in the global market, and that is preferred thanks to its competitiveness, and trusted as a strategic partner". ASELSAN allocates an average of 7% of its annual turnover to R&D activities financed by its own funds and resources, with its qualified engineering staff and more than 8,500 employees, one of the key factors of this success.

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