

## Abengoa to spearhead the creation of 'The Railway Innovation Hub Spain' to promote innovation in the rail sector

- This is an alliance of Spanish companies that aims to become a world benchmark for rail innovation as well as a meeting point for needs and rail knowhow at international level.
- The initiative is promoted by the Ministry of Public Works, and the Adif Rail Technology Center in Malaga will act as the epicenter for the project.

December 12, 2017 – Abengoa (MCE: ABG/P:SM), the international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainability in the infrastructures, energy and water sectors, takes the vice-presidential role of **'The Railway Innovation Hub Spain'** which is private business initiative that aims to promote innovation in the rail sector.

This partnership has been developed in Malaga where Adif (Spain's Railway Infrastructure Administration) oversees its Rail Technology Center, and where the members of the alliance have been collaborating together for a number of years.

**'The Railway Innovation Hub Spain'** is launched as a non-profit association that aims to become a world benchmark for rail innovation thanks to the implementation of collaborative projects and the ensuing transfer of results to the market. Therefore, its mission is to promote technology and the knowhow of rail companies at international level, create collaborative projects based on the needs of the sector, attract international talent, promote entrepreneurship and offer specialized services.

The founding companies of this initiative are Abengoa, Azvi, Comsa Corporación de Infraestructuras, Deimos Space, Ferrovial Agromán, MRI Internacional, Siemens, Telice, Thales and Vias, and it is open to all the private operators who wish come on board providing that they subscribe to the principles of transparency, independence and cooperation in the achieving of goals.

This initiative strengthens the role Abengoa has in the international rail sector. Currently, the company is involved in the largest rail project that has been signed by Spanish companies abroad namely, the construction of a high-speed line between Meca and Medina in Saudi Arabia, which sees works at an advanced stage.

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