



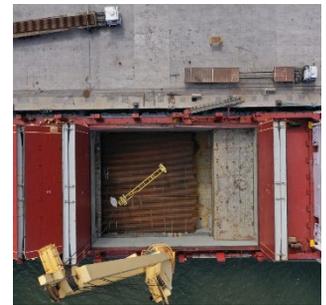
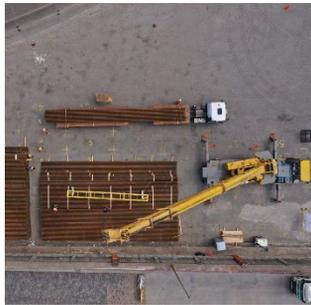
URUGUAY - FERROCARRIL CENTRAL

THE AUTHORITIES IN URUGUAY

WELCOME THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST 200 KM OF RAILS

NGE received the first batch of 35,000 rails on Monday 24 February.

This key milestone in any rail engineering project was welcomed by a visit from Victor Rossi who, as the Minister of Transport and Public Works, signed the concession contract on behalf of the Republic of Uruguay.



The Ferrocarril Central project led by concessionaire NGE working alongside two Uruguayan companies - SACEEM and BERKES - and the Spanish company SACYR aims to build a 266-km rail link between the capital Montevideo and the largest pulp mill operated by Finnish corporate group UPM.

The international teams of NGE responsible for carrying out this work have been on-site since June last year. Almost all the existing track has now been dismantled. Earthworks are already underway on several sections. The first batch of rails received on 24 February is now on its way to Florida, a city ideally located along the line of the new rail link, where the welding plant will be installed.

Key figures

- 8 million m³ of earthworks
- 37,000 18m rails to be laid
- 153 rail bridges
- 4 large-scale metal bridges
- 30 road bridges
- 250 level crossings

ORSO VESPERINI, DEPUTY CEO AND COO INTERNATIONAL & MAJOR PROJECTS

*“The arrival of the rails is a key milestone guaranteeing on-time completion of a project on this scale. It’s also an opportunity for NGE to highlight the fact that this project in Uruguay underlines our status as a stakeholder recognised for its rail expertise in Latin America, following on from previous projects in Santo Domingo, Mexico, Panama and Ecuador. The **Ferrocarril Central** project also demonstrates our ability to handle every stage of a billion-dollar project by applying our comprehensive in-house expertise. At the same time, it illustrates the way in which we are committed to expanding internationally. We bring our expertise with us, but not like a conquering army, because we are committed to working alongside local stakeholders out of respect for the country and its national workforce”.*



THIERRY BODARD, CHAIRMAN OF NGE CONCESSIONS

“As consortium leader for a large-scale international PPP contract, NGE has the opportunity to demonstrate its ability to put together an integrated package of funding, design, construction and maintenance, because on completion of the 36 months of on-site work, NGE - via the dedicated concession company - will be responsible for maintaining this 266-km rail link for 22 years”.



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