

**NGE'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
DESIGN, BUILD, FINANCE AND MAINTENANCE
OF THE FERROCARRIL CENTRAL PROJECT IN URUGUAY
CONTRACT VALUE: USD 1.1 BILLION**



October 21, 2019, as a member of the winning consortium alongside SACEEM, SACYR and BERKES, NGE has just closed today, a USD 1.1 billion financing package for the PPP project to build the Paso de los Toros-Montevideo rail link. This closing was achieved only five months after the PPP contract was signed on May 17, 2019 with the Oriental Republic of Uruguay Ministry of Transport and Public Works.

This is a key component of NGE's long-term growth strategy in Latin America, and marks the Group's entry into MERCOSUR (the South American common market).

AN INTEGRATED 18-YEAR DESIGN & BUILD FINANCE, AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT PACKAGE FOR 273 KM OF RAILWAY

Alongside its partners, SACYR Concesiones, SACEEM, BERKES and within Grupo Via Central, NGE Concesiones has raised close to USD 900 million from a pool of international financial institutions including the Inter-American Development Bank, Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF Development Bank of Latin America) and its CAF-Asset Management fund, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Intesa Sanpaolo S.P.A).

- Sponsors' Advisors : Astris Finance (financial), Baker & McKenzie and Jimenez de Arechaga, Viana & Brause (legal), PwC (fiscal).
- Lenders' Advisors : Clifford Chance and Ferrere Abogados (legal), Infrata (technical), Infrata/ERM (environmental), Willis (insurance), KPMG (model audit).
- NGE legal advisor in Uruguay : Hughes & Hughes.

To carry out the construction work, Grupo Via Central has appointed the consortium (CCFC - Consorcio Constructor Ferrocarril Central) of NGE international subsidiaries NGE Contracting and TSO, Sacyr Construction (Spain) and two Uruguayan companies Saceem and Berkes. In addition to building the new rail line in an existing corridor, CCFC will carry out all the earthworks, utilities, civil engineering and track laying over the next three years. For a period of 15 years from infrastructure delivery, ongoing maintenance will be provided by a company set up for this purpose by NGE and its partners.

With this first international rail public private partnership, NGE is proud to have the opportunity to play its part in the development of a strategic, state-of-the-art, sustainable infrastructure that will boost Uruguay's competitiveness and make a valuable contribution to its economic development.

The largest infrastructure investment in the history of Uruguay, this project is a double win for NGE, combining the raising of private financing through its subsidiary NGE Concessions, and the construction contract for NGE Contracting and TSO. It marks an important strategic step for the Group, positioning it as a leading international player.

NGE EXPORTS ITS "SAVOIR-FAIRE" IN MAJOR PROJECT

Beyond its expertise in financial engineering, NGE also exports its multi-expertise approach internationally. For the Ferrocarril Central project, the Group will deploy the following specialties:

- earthworks
- civil engineering
- special foundation works
- construction of viaducts and hydraulic infrastructures
- rail infrastructure works : 273 km of track ballast
- rail signalling

NGE CONFIRMS 3 DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES:

- an increasing presence in Latin America (Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, etc.)
- a new phase in the international rollout of the multi-expertise approach via NGE Contracting (after having been awarded the Nachtigal hydroelectric plant construction project in Cameroon)
- a major new development for NGE Concessions, following recent successes in highway concessions and FTTH optical fibre infrastructure contracts in France as well as the Futuroscope ARENA project in Poitiers (Vienne Département in France) more recently.

About NGE Group:

In France and around the world, the teams of NGE serve communities, regions and countries by designing, constructing and refurbishing infrastructures and buildings. The expertise and team working skills of the Group's 11,800 men and women give them the confidence to embrace and anticipate the changing nature of the jobs they do, and work closely with their customers. Reporting annual revenue of €2 billion, NGE is an independent French civil engineering company involved in the construction of major infrastructure projects, urban development programs and local development schemes in France and in 12 countries internationally.

Find out more at www.nge.fr

About NGE CONCESSIONS:

NGE Concessions structures privately financed projects developed by NGE and its various subsidiaries involved in the design, build, operations and maintenance of infrastructure assets. Since 2008, NGE Concessions has been at the origin of the development of close to €5 billion worth of assets, notably in highway, optical fiber, water and urban development concessions, as well as in real estate development. NGE Concessions positions itself in leading roles or as a partner within a consortium comprised of industrial as well as financial partners.

About NGE CONTRACTING:

NGE Contracting is the NGE subsidiary company dedicated to undertaking international projects. NGE Contracting pulls together all the skills of the NGE Group, and draws on the resources and proven expertise of its subsidiary companies.

The teams of NGE Contracting demonstrate their expertise on a daily basis through their involvement in major development projects, such as dam construction, water abstraction and wastewater treatment, and infrastructure projects to build roads, rail links, airports and sea ports.

About TSO:

Building on more than 90 years' experience in France and internationally, TSO puts its experience to work on rail infrastructures and systems (rail network construction, upgrading and maintenance, electrification and catenary restructuring, topography and rail software development, rail safety, etc.). Focused on technological innovation, TSO supports research to deliver improvements that combine quality with service efficiency and personnel safety. Developing synergies between the disciplines of TSO and the complementary disciplines available within NGE allows the Group to offer a comprehensive package of products and services worldwide.

Find out more at www.tso.fr

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