

## **Excellent progress with the Capurro rail trench for the Ferrocarril Central project (Montevideo, Uruguay)**

**The construction works for the rail trench in the Capurro area through which the Ferrocarril Central line will run without any traffic interruption, are making major progress. The work began in July 2020 and is well ahead of schedule; the pilework phase is nearing completion and a large part of the excavation is now complete.**

On the afternoon of 6 April teams from the principal broadcast and print media in Uruguay, together with technical representatives from the project, inspected much of the works and were therefore able to see the impressive progress made on this section of the route.

The rail trench is a little over 1 kilometre in length and allows trains to run through a low-level passage between 12 de Diciembre Street and Valentín Gómez Street. In this area the rail trench crosses the streets of Hermanos Gil, Capurro, Flangini and Uruguayana. Each of these crossings has a concrete cover to allow traffic to continue uninterrupted over the railway, independently of the movement of trains.

The rail trench comprises two absorbent pile walls (walls made of intersecting concrete columns) between which the earth is excavated. Walls of less depth are constructed in the traditional way, by excavation, formwork and concreting or by the installation of prefabricated parts.

The slabs on Hermanos Gil and Flangini streets are finished; the carriageway and footpaths above are in the process of refurbishment around the slabs. When these open up to traffic, Capurro Street will be shut off for the cover to be placed on the corresponding crossing.

At the same time, the cover on Uruguayana Street is in progress.

It is anticipated that the tracks will be laid in the Capurro rail trench in the last quarter of this year 2022

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### **About the companies making up Grupo Vía Central**

#### **Saceem**

**Saceem** is a prestigious Uruguayan Company, renowned for its work in the areas of Engineering and Construction which has operated continuously in the country and region since 1951.

It mainly carries out its activities in Uruguay in the most varied of areas of Engineering and Construction: Infrastructure, Transport and Logistics, Architecture and Urban Renewal, Energy, Industry, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering, Telecommunications and Roads.

It began working in Paraguay in 2016 with the construction of several bridges and in 2017 did its first work in Peru where it has subsequently extended its operations by participating in major projects in sports infrastructure for the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima. It now also operates in Chile.

In 2017 **Saceem** created the Concessions area where it has developed strong expertise and through which it takes an active part in Public/Private Participation projects and has finalised projects in the road, educational infrastructure and railway sectors.

The company complements its multi-disciplinary experience through its subsidiary Grinor S.A., a leading Uruguayan company in the development and execution of urban and road projects.

It has a System of Integrated Management and is certified in the UNIT standards: ISO 9001-Quality Management Systems; UNIT: ISO 45001-Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems; and UNIT: ISO 14001-Environmental Management Systems.

The **Saceem Group** has successfully completed over 1700 contracts, its annual turnover is over 250 million USD, and it has over 2500 employees and an extensive technical and professional staff team of over 230 people.

### **Berkes**

Since 1939, the Uruguayan company **Berkes** has been building up solid experience in the field of Engineering and Construction.

With an experienced human team, made up of professionals, technicians and operatives with sound knowledge and proven responsibility, **Berkes** has positioned itself as one of the leading companies in the sector, because of its rapid response capacity and the final quality of its projects.

It is now a multi-disciplinary company with a staff that includes professionals in the various branches of engineering and a workforce of over 1100.

With its four divisions - ENERGY, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL and INDUSTRIAL - it now has an outstanding ability to offer clients integrated turnkey solutions, as well as specific solutions in any of its areas of activity.

The company has developed projects in Spain, France, Turkey, French Guyana, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic and Uruguay.

### **Sacyr**

We are a global group and we work with energy and enthusiasm to meet any challenge and turn it into a triumph. We transform society by improving infrastructure and services for citizens. We have a presence in over 20 countries on 5 continents, where we develop high-value innovative projects. We offer our talent in the service of progress and to help those who have a dream they want to fulfil.

At **Sacyr** we want to help society progress towards a sustainable future, through the development and management of infrastructure. We want our projects to have a positive social, economic and environmental impact to benefit our employees, clients, partners and share-holders. A team of more than 43,000 men and women work every day to turn our dream into reality, a world made by and for people. A world we are transforming and which is transforming itself along with us.

### **NGE Group**

Around the world, **NGE** teams design, build and renew infrastructures and buildings to the benefit of the regions. Thanks to their expertise and ability to work together, the Group's 15,000 employees are addressing and anticipating changes in their businesses with confidence by being close to their clients. With a turnover of €2.5 billion, **NGE** is an independent French company, which develops its activities in the construction industry and is involved in the construction of major infrastructure, and urban or local projects, in 17 countries worldwide.

#### **About NGE Concessions, concession subsidiary of the NGE Group**

**NGE Concessions** develops and sets up projects financed by NGE and its subsidiaries, which are involved in the design, construction, maintenance, and upkeep of infrastructure. Since 2008, **NGE Concessions** has created assets worth nearly €5 billion and is active in motorway, fibre optic and water concessions, urban planning, and property development. **NGE concessions** supports its clients' projects by adapting to new forms of contracts: partnership contracts, semi-public companies, concessions, public service delegations, etc. NGE Concessions is positioned as an agent or partner in consortiums that bring together industrialists and financial investors.

#### **About TSO, rail subsidiary of the NGE Group.**

Capitalising on more than 90 years of experience, **TSO** brings its experience to all railway works and systems (construction, renovation and maintenance of railroads, electrification and restructuring of catenaries, topography and development of railway software, railway safety...). Focused on technological innovation, **TSO** supports the research for improvements by combining quality, efficiency of services and safety of personnel. **TSO** is globally recognised and has participated in major projects in Latin America: Panama (metro lines 1 and 2), Ecuador (Cuenca tramway), Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo metro), Mexico (metro and rail maintenance). The development of synergies between **TSO's** expertise and NGE's complementary disciplines enables the Group to offer a global service throughout the world.

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