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**AnsaldoBreda signs a 86 million euro contract for the Fortaleza metro (METROFOR) in Brazil**

AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica company, has signed a 86 million euro contract with Secretaria da Infraestrutura do Estado do Ceará (SEINFRA) in Brazil to supply 20 electric trains and additional equipment for the Fortaleza metro.

The trains will be used on the 23 km SUL, the first line of the new METROFOR transport system, which will link the centre of Fortaleza with Maracanaú. The line will come into operation at the end of 2010.

The Fortaleza metro project is part of the growth acceleration programme (PAC) launched by Brazilian President Lula. A further boost to the development of Fortaleza has been given by the selection of it as one of the 12 Brazilian cities that will host the football World Cup in 2014.

The trains will be 40 metres long with a top speed of 120 km/h and will be able to transport 445 passengers in comfort thanks to full communication between carriages and inbuilt air-conditioning. The vehicles can be coupled together to form longer trains with greater transport capacity and excellent dynamic performance.