



## **FINMECCANICA, FERROVIE DELLO STATO AND KAZAKHSTAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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The Chairman of Temir Zholy, Askar Mamin, the Chairman and CEO of Finmeccanica, Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, and the CEO of Ferrovie dello Stato, Mauro Moretti, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreeing wide-ranging co-operation in the development of the Kazakh rail sector. The signing took place today in Rome, in the presence of the Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, and the President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and CEO of Finmeccanica, commented, "The signing of this agreement represents an important opportunity for the Italian transport industry and rail-associated companies, which can offer their technologies and products to countries like Kazakhstan that are heavily involved in major rail projects".

"Our state-of-the-art network servicing and management technology, the wealth of experience gained through collaboration with external operators and, on a more general level, our extensive expertise in the rail sector explain the interest of this vast country in Ferrovie dello Stato" commented Mauro Moretti, CEO of Ferrovie dello Stato. He continued, "Kazakhstan is a country that embraces innovation: that is why Ferrovie dello Stato is proud to work in partnership with the country's rail operator in its ambitious plans to create a modern and efficient rail network".