

Synergising with pioneers to develop tomorrow's Latin American railways

Brazil, December 19, 2012: Brazil being one of the largest country in South America has one of the most dynamic rail markets in the world. Rail transport in Brazil has been majorly about freight transport with people mostly preferring air travel. It is often said that the progress of the region has been marred with the lack of infrastructure in the region. Over the years, this has impacted the trade and investment opportunities. There has been considerable amount of development after 2000 with projects like expansion of Panama Canal and Brazilian High Speed Line from Rio de Janeiro to Campinas. These changes have attracted the attention of a lot of private players - local as well as international.

In 2003, the Ministry of Transportation rolled out a programme; National Plan for Logistics and Transportation (PNLT) keeping in mind the need for investments for developments from public and private firms alike. The launch of the Logistics Investment Program – Roadways and Railways, was recently announced by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff. This plan is expected to garner investments upto (US\$ 66.5 billion) to foster developments in the Brazilian rail and road sector through public private partnerships.

Keeping in mind the current developments in Brazil, Fleming Gulf Conferences is organising LatAm Rail Opportunities 2013 on 5 - 6 March in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The conference will feature speakers from key local and international organizations like State Government of Rio de Janeiro, Metro Rio, Brazil Rail road Industry Association - ABIFER, New York City transit, Transnordestina Logistica, ViaQuatro, Rail Development Corporation, National Department of Transport Infrastructure - DNIT, The Metropolitan Transportation Company of Ceará – Metrofor and Metro Sao Paulo. These industry experts will press on issues like passenger safety, procurement strategies and future of rail infrastructure in Latin America among others.

This unique knowledge sharing symposium is being supported by bodies like National Department of Transport Infrastructure - DNIT, Brazil Rail road Industry Association - ABIFER, MAFEX, The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association – AREMA, Transnordestina Logística and The Latin-American Association of Underground Networks and Subways – ALAMYS.

The summit will be a great opportunity for all rail professionals to network with industry leaders and pioneers to get updated with the latest happenings in the Latin American and global market. The event will take place on 5th and 6th March 2013. More information about the speakers and topics can be found on the event website.

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