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Unipart Rail in Joint Venture with UGL wins major contract in Australia

Unipart Rail, part of the Unipart Group, has announced that in conjunction with its joint venture partner, UGL Limited (UGL), it has been awarded a major contract for the provision of fleet maintenance and logistics services to RailCorp in Sydney, Australia.

Under the contract, Unipart Rail and UGL will deliver heavy maintenance, engineering, procurement and logistics management services for 1050 of Sydney's passenger car fleet for RailCorp – a government agency which delivers public transport services in New South Wales and interstate passenger services.

It is anticipated that the total contract will generate approximately A\$1.4 billion (£900 million) in revenue over the initial contract term of 7 years.

A joint venture company has been established between Unipart Rail and UGL to deliver the scope of works under the contract. Unipart Rail will be providing specialist procurement, logistics and inventory management services to the joint venture, as well as delivering 'Lean' business improvements to the site operational teams. Unipart Rail holds a 30 percent shareholding in the joint venture.

John Clayton, Unipart Rail said "This contract sees us joining our established supply chain and Lean expertise with UGL's proven maintenance and engineering skills, to deliver significant operational and financial benefits to RailCorp in Sydney. We very much look forward to delivering success with our joint venture partner, UGL."

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Notes to editors:

Unipart Rail

Is a leading specialist provider of supply chain services to train operators and railway infrastructure companies. Unipart Rail has offices in the UK, Australia, China, Germany and Thailand and supplies materials and services internationally.

Its expertise in implementing 'Lean' business processes in the rail industry, as well as delivering real benefits in the supply chain and materials management, makes it a leading partner for successful rail businesses.

With nearly 800 employees, Unipart Rail is a major partner to the rail industry and has extensive expertise in Infrastructure and Traction & Rolling Stock systems and products.

About Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1 billion. It is one of Europe's leading logistics companies and a widely-recognised pioneer in the field of Lean implementation.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Vodafone, ASOS.com, 3 and Jaguar Land Rover.

About UGL Limited

UGL Limited is an engineering, maintenance, corporate real estate services and facilities management company operating in the water, power, transport, communications, resources and property sectors. It consists of four divisions – UGL Infrastructure, UGL Rail, UGL Resources and UGL Services.

Headquartered in Sydney, Australia, UGL Limited operates worldwide across 45 countries employing approximately 56,000 people.