



## Rail Baltica:

# Project on track with first phase of contracts awarded by Ingerop



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**Rueil-Malmaison, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – Ingerop has been appointed by the joint venture of Eiffage Génie Civil SAS (France), Budimex S.A. and Rizzani de Eccher S.p.A (ERB Rail) as the design coordinator on the civil engineering and track-laying contract for the construction of the Latvian section of Rail Baltica. ERB Rail was awarded the FIDIC contract by Eiropas Dzelzcela Linijas (EDZL), the national executive agent of Rail Baltica in Latvia on 21st December 2023.

The 3.7 billion euro, 230-kilometre-long Latvian section incorporates 175 engineering structures and 11 wildlife crossings. It is aimed at integrating the Baltic States into the European rail network, linking Helsinki in Finland with Warsaw in Poland. The track design will allow passenger trains to travel at 249 kilometres per hour and for freight trains to travel at 120 kilometres per hour.

The engineering structures will include railway substructures, embankments, road crossings and other track infrastructure. The 165-million-euro, 13-kilometre-long, first stage of construction will begin in the early part of 2024, starting in the Bauska regions, near Iecava. Further phases will be costed and construction processes refined following a review of the construction designs.

As a result of being appointed by ERB Rail on the design coordinator contract, Ingerop has set up Ingerop Latvia to support the project. Ingerop will have a significant team based in Riga, Latvia supported by the Ingerop experts from France, Spain and the UK. They will provide design scrutiny services, leveraging their expertise on constructability, cost optimisation and interoperability to ensure the project is designed to the highest international standards and delivers maximal value for money. The Riga-based team will support ERB Rail with the help of the experts of Ingerop and their Latvian partners to ensure close collaboration and effective support.

*“The Rail Baltica project is a hugely important project for connecting up the European railway networks. We are extremely proud of the success of our team in what has been a very competitive tendering process. High speed rail is one of Ingerop’s core business lines and we are excited to work on yet another project in this sector. Our expertise is being demonstrated on our current project portfolio which includes the High Speed 2 (HS2) project in the UK, the design activities for the Kenitra-Marrakech High Speed Line (HSL) in Morocco and the Lyon-Turin HSL tunnel in France”.*

*“We look forward to working with Eiffage again, having worked closely together on HS2 and the Bretagne-Pays de la Loire HSR in France. The Rail Baltica project will strengthen our relationship with Eiffage as well as Rizzani de Eccher and Budimex”, Yves Metz, President of Ingerop said.*

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