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PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY INAUGURATES THE FERROCARRIL CENTRAL DE URUGUAY

- This Sacyr Concesiones project connects Montevideo and Paso de los Toros through a 265 km rail corridor.
- The P3 consortium will oversee the infrastructure maintenance for an 15-year term.
- The railway project will cut travel times down by 50% and will increase the loading capacity in this key transportation axis in Uruguay.

Montevideo, April 17, 2024.- Yesterday, **Luis Lacalle, President of Uruguay**, along with other authorities, has inaugurated the Ferrocarril Central de Uruguay.

The **Grupo Vía Central consortium, led by Sacyr Concesiones**, developed this rail corridor connecting Paso de los Toros, in central Uruguay, to the port of Montevideo.

The new line spans 265 km and required the installation of 343 km of new track, as it features multiple sections with more than one track to facilitate the passage of trains. Additionally, 25 stations and passenger stops, 128 concrete bridges and 6 trenches, two of which make a nearly 4 km long rail path. The railway is primarily aimed for cargo load, but is also appropriate for passenger trains and includes a new signalling and rail monitoring system.

This development required an **investment of around €915 million**. Grupo Vía Central comprises Sacyr (40%), two Uruguayan companies, Saceem (27%) y Berkes (6%), and the French NGE (27%).

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The project, endorsed by the Ministry for Transportation and Public Works, will **boost cargo transportation**, with faster, safer and more cost-efficient infrastructure.

The project, awarded in 2019, involved the design, construction, financing, rehabilitation and **maintenance of the Ferrocarril Central for 15 years**.

3,500 people were directly involved at the height of the project, with 90% of the workers being locally sourced. Construction used the latest available technologies such as track welding, anti-noise and anti-vibration protection. Over 37,500 tons of tracks were installed, 567,000 concrete sleepers, 12.5 million m3 in earthworks were excavated, and 1 million tons of ballast used.

A critical asset for Uruguay

The Ferrocarril Central will **cut down travel times by 50% and will expand the load capacity of trains, from 18 to 22 tons per axis**. This new infrastructure will create a positive impact on the growth of local agricultural forestry, and industrial activities.

P3 asset value

Sacyr Concesiones is a global benchmark in infrastructure development and, according to PWF magazine, ranks third in transportation infrastructure P3 development.

The company currently manages a diversified asset portfolio valued at €3.3 Bn.

In Uruguay, Sacyr manages the Routes 21 and 24 road P3 spanning 179 km to the west of the country.

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