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## THE ITALIAN ENGINEERING COMPANY SWS JOINS SYSTRA TO CREATE A EUROPEAN LEADER IN INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

**October 5, 2021- SWS, specialised in tunnels and underground infrastructures, becomes part of SYSTRA, the leading international engineering and consulting group in public transport and mobility solutions with headquarters in Paris. As from today, SWS and its staff of 240 located in Italy and abroad, becomes SYSTRA SWS, a SYSTRA Group subsidiary.**

The combination of the two groups, with SYSTRA's strength in end-to-end solutions for the public transport and mobility sector, and that of SWS in underground works, creates a European leader in complex infrastructure with an extensive range of services for transport infrastructure owners, operators and contractors.

By joining forces, SWS and SYSTRA create a unique offer, which will support the European Union's investments aimed at developing the member States' transportation projects for a decarbonised and increasingly interconnected Europe, and more widely the booming global infrastructure market which involves numerous complex tunnels and underground structures.

The alliance between SWS and SYSTRA enables them to provide even better support for their clients, combining end to end services for the complete cycle of their transportation projects. The combination also offers contractors unique tailor-made services improving the competitiveness of their projects in terms of deadlines, costs and sustainability, while meeting the requirements of the end client as well as users, with increasingly stringent expectations in terms of sustainability and safety.

SYSTRA, a group positioned at the high end of engineering and consulting services in the transport market, is actively expanding its own range and accelerating its own development. The acquisition of SWS consolidates SYSTRA's presence in Italy, a key market for the Group, where it has been active for twenty years through the SYSTRA SOTECNI subsidiary. The acquisition strengthens SYSTRA's presence in Europe, thanks to SWS's solid reputation among its clients.

**Paolo Mazzalai, SYSTRA SWS's Chairman, commented:** "Many engineers from both companies have worked together in the past and I know that we share the same approach to technical excellence. Stronger together, our teams will offer exceptional expertise to our clients, guaranteeing the success of their projects, while keeping R&D in mind to allow us to stay ahead of the game."

**Jean-Charles Vollery, Chief Operating Officer of SYSTRA, added:** "Our clients will benefit from a strengthened range of skills thanks to the association of a world specialist in complex tunnelling and underground structures. SYSTRA SWS will become a key component of our global centre of excellence for complex structures which covers both bridges and underground

works. More than ever, our mission is to supply a service of excellence on a global scale by mobilising the best experts from the group worldwide.”

### **About SYSTRA**

SYSTRA is one of the world's leading engineering and consultancy groups specialising in public transport and mobility solutions. For more than 60 years, the Group has been committed to helping cities and regions to contribute to their development by creating, improving, and modernising their transport infrastructures. With its 7,500 employees, the Group's mission is to make travel more fluid throughout the world in order to bring populations closer together and facilitate access to employment, education and leisure. Signature team for transportation solutions, SYSTRA supports its partners and clients throughout the lifecycle of their projects.

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### **About SWS**

Since 1982, SWS has been providing specialised engineering, project management and risk management services to the world of infrastructures. Bamboo has been designing for almost 40 years civil works that form the infrastructural backbone of local communities. The company, which has 240 employees, provides end-to-end services for a broad range of markets, ranging from transportation networks to hydropower facilities. Deeply rooted in Italy, but with a solid international presence guaranteed by its foreign offices, SWS has developed innovative skills especially in tunnel technology, digital projects, assessment of sustainable infrastructure and an advanced BIM methodology for infrastructures.

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