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\$14 million signal upgrade for Hunter Valley gets underway

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) will partner with Ansaldo STS to commence a AU\$14 million signalling upgrade in the Hunter Valley.

The project is an essential component of the ARTC's strategy to improve the reliability and efficiency of coal freight and passenger services between Maitland and Branxton in the Hunter Valley.

The signalling project requires Ansaldo STS to replace the current route relay interlocking system at Maitland Junction with a computer based system, and install a new crossover.

The key benefits will be increased system reliability and a reduction in maintenance requirements.

This Maitland Junction upgrade follows the successful delivery by Ansaldo STS earlier this year of an AU\$31 million project to increase line availability and enhance operational flexibility on the Maitland to Branxton line through the introduction of bi-directional signalling.

Both projects have been awarded to Ansaldo STS as part of the ARTC Ansaldo STS Network Control Systems Alliance (AANCSA) agreement announced in March this year.

Under the three year agreement Ansaldo STS is to deliver a range of control systems and signalling systems projects to increase the capacity, reliability and efficiency of ARTC owned and leased freight corridors.

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