

CAF trains to launch passenger service

MONTENEGRO: On October 27 national passenger operator ŽPCG signed a €13m contract for CAF to supply three EMUs by July 2013. They will be used to launch a new passenger service on the 56 km Podgorica – Nikšić freight line, which is currently being upgraded for higher speeds, with resignalling and electrification at 25 kV AC. The journey time will be around 40 min, and ŽPCG hopes to attract around 35% of the passengers who currently use buses on the route.

Booz & Co advised on tendering for the trains, which are being financed using a government-backed EBRD loan. The contract includes maintenance equipment and spare parts.

★ A consortium led by Costruzioni Linee Ferroviarie and including Alpine Bau, Consorzio Armatori Ferroviari, IGP Fidiya, Porr Bau, Strabag and SZ Zeleznisko Gradbeno Podjetje Ljubljana has been awarded a €4m contract for track and subgrade renewals on 8.4 km of the line to Bar. 