Progress made
• **Design works and geotechnical investigations ongoing** on 411 km of the Rail Baltica line.

• **First stage site investigations completed** for the sections Kaunas – Ramygala and Tallinn - Rapla.

• **Two Value Engineering Reports** for section Kaunas – Ramygala and one for Rapla - Pärnu approved.

• Other **VE reports under approval/preparation** process.
The final procurement of design services for Estonia completed. Contract to be signed by mid-February.

Ongoing procurements – two sections in Latvia to be completed in April.

Three out of eight environmental impact assessment programmes in Estonia started.

Contract signed for the territorial planning services for the section Kaunas – Vilnius.
**Estonia**

- **Design contract signed** with Zaha Hadid Architects for Rail Baltica terminal in Ülemiste.
- **Design contract signed** with the Estonian structural engineering consultancy Pluss OÜ for Rail Baltica international passenger terminal in Pärnu.
- **Muuga freight terminal design procurement technical conditions approval** in progress, tender is planned to be announced in February 2020.

**Latvia**

- RIX station **construction procurement’s 1st phase** applications in February 2nd phase to start in April.
- **20%** of the Rail Baltica Riga Central Station **design works** have been finalised.
- **Location** of infrastructure maintenance facilities confirmed.
Lithuania

- Based on the initial results of design preparation for the section Ramygala – LT/LV border, the discussion on development of Panevėžys station area initiated.

- **Vilnius connect project** (initiated by LG) for development of Vilnius station area is continuing.
Estonia

- The first construction works on the Rail Baltica main line in Estonia started with Saustinõmme viaduct.
- Coordination to start construction of 17 road viaducts by EST Road Administration ongoing.
Lithuania

• **Construction works of a single track** from Kaunas to Palemonas ongoing, implemented by LG.
• **Assessment of compliance with Design Guidelines** is completed.
• Rokai to Palemonas: **procurement for construction works** for construction of a single track railway is under termination process.
• **Procurements for the preparation of Spatial Plan** for Kaunas node and section Kaunas – LT/PL state border have terminated without results as proposals’ prices exceeded estimated budget.
• **CEF1 grant agreement** changes signed.

• **CEF6 grant proposal** being developed.

• Joint Venture annual budget 2020 approved with a **headcount increase** from 97 to 130 employees.

• Joint Venture **long-term financing agreement** principles agreed, contracts prepared, to be finalized.

• **VAT refund** for period 1 July 2019 – 31 Oct 2019 received. Application for refund for Nov - Dec 2019 to be submitted in Jan 2020.
• **Riga Node Operation Optimization Study**: contract preparation and signing ongoing.

• **Rail Baltica control-command and signaling (CCS) subsystems** procurement and deployment strategy: contract preparation and signing ongoing.

• **Notified Body services** for Rail Baltica infrastructure: first stage completed.

• Tender announcement for **Detailed Technical Design Review and Expertise** for EE and LT imminent.

• Procurement of **ENE Engineering services** (CEF6) started.
• **Airport Integration study** completed.

• **Infrastructure Component Study** approved by RB Rail AS.

• **Electrification supply and deployment strategy** prepared and shared with the stakeholders. Study final report is pending for approval.

• **Infrastructure maintenance facilities study** preparation ongoing.
- Infrastructure management model legal study approved and shared with beneficiaries.

- Zero environmental impact strategy: in finalization stage.

- Piggyback Transportation & Wider Economic Impact studies: in finalization stage.
Estonia and Lithuania

- **Land acquisition in progress**, no major obstacles reported.
- In Estonia, **priority given to land plots** necessary for the construction of 17 road viaducts.

Latvia

- **Two properties acquired**, acquisition of 50 private and 50 municipal plots for RIX terminal and Central Station ongoing.
Key International Activities Q4 2019

• Exhibitor participation at mayor European railway and logistics fairs:
  • TRAKO, 25-27 September 2019, Gdansk, POLAND
  • Expo Ferroviaria, 1-3 October 2019, Milan, ITALY
  • Digital Transport Days, 7-9 October 2019, Helsinki, FINLAND
  • Nordic Rail, 8-10 October 2019, Jönköping, SWEDEN

• Road shows:
  • THE NETHERLANDS, November 27-29 2019
6. Rail Baltica international promotion activities directly contribute to supplier interest and engagement in project implementation.

7. Building long-term institutional relationships is critical to ensure supplier engagement in the implementation phase of Rail Baltica.

9. International best practice benchmarking is a pre-requisite to deliver an efficient and commercially sustainable Rail Baltica infrastructure.

11. As a major publicly financed European project, Rail Baltica should consistently seek to demonstrate European added value and opportunities to European/international suppliers and future users. Do you agree that this is important and that such engagement is key to the successful delivery of the Project?

13. Going forward, what activities would best facilitate suppliers engagement during the Rail Baltica delivery phase, including construction, component sourcing and systems deployment (select all that apply)?
• **Public information campaign launched** in four languages to inform about Rail Baltica infrastructure visualisation.

• Meeting with the **Lithuanian Construction Industry Association**.

• A joint conference with the **Latvian Construction and Building Council**.

• **Memorandum of cooperation** signed with NGOs in Riga to support design process.
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