

SYSTRA acquires TSP Projects doubling the size of its UK operations

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SYSTRA is doubling the size of its UK & Ireland operations through the acquisition of TSP Projects, a multidisciplinary engineering firm formed in 1987 with a rich heritage in rail. This investment reinforces SYSTRA's longstanding commitment to the UK, where it has been active for more than 50 years. It is the company's first major engineering acquisition in the UK and follows the acquisitions of SIAS Transport Planners in 2016 and JMP Consultants Ltd in 2015.

By acquiring TSP Projects, SYSTRA is cementing its position as a major UK force in engineering and consultancy for mass transit, mobility and complex infrastructure. SYSTRA is already number five globally among mass transit and rail international design firms*, and the acquisition places the company firmly alongside the UK's leading consulting engineering firms.

Expertise in every aspect of rail projects, delivered

through an expanded UK footprint

From today, TSP Projects will continue to operate as TSP Projects and run as a business unit of our UK & Ireland operations. The combined company will provide clients with a complete end-to-end service spanning every aspect of rail projects, as well as specialist understanding of mobility and complex infrastructure. It will deliver expertise across the full project lifecycle, from strategic advisory and design to systems integration, programme and construction management, testing & commissioning, and asset management. This expertise will be delivered through a significantly expanded UK footprint, providing clients with a highly localised service.

SYSTRA's national and international experience in high speed rail, heavy rail, metro, light rail transit and transport consultancy, combined with TSP Projects' extensive experience in the UK heavy rail sector, will create a leader in transportation solutions expert in all aspects of rail engineering, complex infrastructure and transport planning. TSP Projects' expertise in civil engineering, electrification and track will expand and complement SYSTRA's UK rail engineering services, which include detailed design and the commissioning of integrated systems.

The combined company will also give clients access to new digital services, smart technologies, international expertise and proven innovation developed across SYSTRA's global portfolio of mass transit and mobility projects.

An expanded range of services for infrastructure owners and contractors

UK clients will benefit from high-end, specialist technical expertise and high-quality production capacity across the full spectrum of design, engineering and programme/construction management. Serving infrastructure owners and operators, as well as contractors, the combined company will deliver specialist design & build, lead designer and programme management services.

SYSTRA is committed to driving TSP Projects' expansion in sectors outside transportation, including energy from waste, modular construction and security.

Pascal Mercier, SYSTRA Ltd CEO said: "As the signature team for transportation solutions, SYSTRA is committed to providing clients with truly specialist expertise, delivered locally. This acquisition is a gamechanger for our UK & Ireland business, placing us among the leading UK consulting engineering firms. This is a good fit between two like-minded companies with a shared commitment to excellence, safety and innovation."

Craig Scott, TSP Projects CEO added: "This is a great opportunity for TSP Projects staff, clients and partners. SYSTRA is a like-minded organisation with similar values and a focus on technical excellence. SYSTRA ownership will bring with it all the benefits of a global engineering business including access to high calibre technical expertise to complement and enhance TSP Projects."

A long-term future for TSP Projects employees

TSP Projects staff will benefit from access to a broader range of opportunities through joining a 6,700-strong, global company with a 60-year track record in mass transit, mobility and infrastructure. TSP Projects employees will be able to apply their expertise to other markets and develop their skills in new areas and technologies. The combined UK & Ireland team of more than 800 employees in 13 office locations will be able to export homegrown skills to clients across SYSTRA's global operations in 80 countries.