



**ASTALDI IS PREFERRED BIDDER  
FOR TWO HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY STATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA**

*Astaldi is to build Jeddah and KAEC railway stations  
on the Makkah-Madina High-Speed railway line*

*Rome, 13 December 2010* – Astaldi Group, as part of a joint venture, has been confirmed as *preferred bidder* for building two major railway stations, Jeddah and KAEC, in Saudi Arabia, located along the Makkah-Madina High-Speed line (*Haramain High Speed Rail Project*). The total value of the works amounts to USD 1.24 billion (Astaldi has a 15% stake).

Designed by Norman Foster and Buro Happold, the two stations will stand out for their size and scale: Jeddah, the largest station will occupy a total surface area of more than 111,000 m<sup>2</sup> – equal to 14 football fields – while KAEC will occupy a surface area of approximately 64,000 m<sup>2</sup>. More than 200,000 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete and more than 74,000 tons of steel will be used to construct the stations which will feature 58 lifts and 116 escalators.

The works have been commissioned by Saudi Railways Organization. Works are scheduled to get underway in the first half of 2011, and the planned duration is approximately 2 years.

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*Listed in the STAR segment of the Italian stock exchange, Astaldi Group has been active for more than 80 years, in Italy and abroad, in designing and constructing large-scale civil engineering works.*

*The Group operates in the following areas:*

- *transport infrastructures (railways, undergrounds, roads, motorways, ports, and airports);*
- *hydraulic works and energy production plants (dams, hydroelectric plants, waterworks, oil pipelines, gas pipelines, nuclear power plants and treatment plants);*
- *civil and industrial construction (hospitals, universities, airports, law courts, car parks);*
- *management under concession of works such as, healthcare facilities, transport infrastructures, car parks.*

*The Group currently operates as a General Contractor capable of promoting financial aspects and coordinating all resources and skills for the optimal development and management of complex and high-value public works.*

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