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A message from Bonnie Ryan, Director - Freight, Logistics and Industrial Sectors, GS1 Australia

Effective digitisation of all parts, components and assets in the rail supply chain begins with standardised and harmonised identification leading to a more efficient and safer rail industry, by laying the digital foundations to support effective MRO and asset management.

Project i-TRACE is an important industry wide program; the quicker industry stakeholders commence this journey the quicker the mass benefits will be realised. Competing priorities often mean that programs like this fall to the bottom of the list or companies wait for a compelling event before taking action – this often results in reactive decision making that only deliver short term benefits rather than taking a more strategic approach which will deliver broader benefits for the long term.

Project i-TRACE is a journey well worth taking, that is guaranteed – like any journey it starts with a first step - Let us show you how.

Make sure to subscribe to this newsletter to keep abreast on key developments, progress and success stories as the rail industry moves further towards this competency. We will also provide you with a range of tools, training, events and other resources to help you get “On Track”.

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Executive Summary



Productivity improvement for a more efficient and safer rail industry

There are many reasons why rail operators, manufacturers and contractors will benefit from implementing Project i-TRACE. This newly released document supports further internal discussion.

[Read more](#)

Steps to get Project i-TRACE compliant

Select your business type to learn how to become Project i-TRACE compliant.

Small to Medium Supplier

Follow these 5 steps



Large or Global Supplier

Identification, Marking and Sharing explained



Operator or Maintainer

Identification, Marking and Sharing explained



Solution Provider

Get Project i-TRACE certified



Implementation



Pathway to implementation

Self-paced training modules supporting implementation

IDENTIFY

Assign Numbers (GTIN)
Assign Numbers extension module (GIAI)

CAPTURE

Data: Barcodes & RFID



Choose a certified barcoding solution provider

There are nine Certified Project i-TRACE barcoding providers.

1. BarTender by Seagull Scientific
2. BCDS Group
3. Gravotech
4. Metal Sign & label
5. Nichol Industries
6. Result Group
7. Skywire
8. Trotec Laser
9. Zebra Technologies

These solution providers have been granted Project i-TRACE certification for meeting the data and label/plate design requirements of Project i-TRACE, as specified in the Australian Rail Guideline.

[Find your solution provider now](#)

Global & Local news



Enabling innovation in the rail industry

In the May edition of Rail Express, Project i-TRACE has been listed twice in separate articles as enabling innovation for different organisations.

Addressing challenges to rail supply chain an urgent priority –

The ARA Rail Supply Chain Blueprint lists the practical steps needed to drive reform to support the growth of the rail industry. Project i-TRACE is part of two of the eight themes listed.

Procurement: “Support the expansion of Project i-TRACE”, and Standards.

[Read article](#)

Siemens Mobility leads the way in local manufacturing at Port Melbourne –

Project i-TRACE enables Siemens Mobility to lead the way and implement innovation; by providing the framework for standardised identification and marking of their rail parts, components and assets.

[Read article](#)



Join the Project i-TRACE User Group

The user group is focused on promoting and supporting industry to adopt the GS1 global standards for identifying/marketing parts, components and assets across the rail industry and sharing Material Master Data using the National Product Catalogue.

The group has representation from Australian rail operators, suppliers, and other industry stakeholders.

If you would like to participate in the group, email Michiel below.

[Michiel Ruighaver](#)



Project i-TRACE sponsors Rail Innovation of the Year award

We are the proud sponsor of the 2023 Australasian Rail Innovation of the Year award.

Nominations have now closed and finalists will be announced in July.

[Read more](#)



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If you would like to publish an article in this newsletter, [contact us](#).



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