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Project i-TRACE - Let's get moving **Issue 2, April 2020**

2019 was the year to "Get on Board with Project i-TRACE". We saw many companies introducing GS1 standards compliant labels and plates. So, 2020 is the year for the industry to really get moving.

The industry is on the road to digitalisation and Project i-TRACE provides the foundation to enable this.

Project i-TRACE encompasses the standardised identification and marking of parts, components and assets in the Australian Rail Industry through the adoption of GS1 standards.

This newsletter will help to keep you abreast of developments, progress and initiatives within the local and global Rail community as well as training, events and resources available.



Material Master Data project

Following the development of a core list of Material Master Data (MMD) attributes for the Rail industry, the i-TRACE MMD work group has commenced pilots using the National Product Catalogue (NPC) to exchange item master data between manufacturers/suppliers and operators.

The NPC provides a central repository for rail companies to manage and validate MMD and synchronise it with their customers and partners across the industry. The outcomes of the pilots will be shared with industry over the next few months.



Asset management made simple with Retriever

Pressures to track and manage assets especially in current times can be difficult with reduced staff headcount – but Retriever's software is designed to help.

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On Track to Support your Project I-TRACE Compliance



Thermit – On the Project i-TRACE Journey

Thermit Australia's Andrew Carter was recently interviewed by Rail Express on their Project i-TRACE implementation journey.

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A message from the ARA

Details on the stimulus packages available for those within the Rail sector can be found here.

[Watch video](#)



COVID-19, stimulus packages and the Rail industry

In this article from Rail Express, editor Connor Pearce discusses the impacts that this situation is having on the Rail industry and what support opportunities may be available.

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Let's get moving! Interactive roadmap

This roadmap will help you to gauge where you are in your implementation journey. At this point of the Project i-TRACE industry initiative, you should be at Station 5 at a minimum; if you need assistance with moving your organisation forward, please [contact GS1 Australia](#) for guidance.

[Download roadmap](#)



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To help you get moving this year, a good start is to download the latest version of the industry guideline (released October 2019).

[Request access to the Rail AIDC Guideline v2.3 here](#) to start your journey.



Project i-TRACE training update

Due to the current restrictions from the COVID-19 situation, all face-to-face GS1 Project i-TRACE training sessions have been cancelled until the end of May.

We delivered the March i-TRACE training via webinar and will look to do the same later in the year. Stay tuned for further updates and contact the training team if you have any further questions on 1300 BARCODE (1300 227 263).

To view more information on Project i-TRACE, visit our [Rail Industry page](#)

If you need solutions to help with your i-TRACE implementation, search our [Solution Provider directory](#) for compliant products and services that will meet your requirements.

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