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Norfolk Group wins \$56m contract with GE on major Fortescue rail project

Leading integrated engineering company Norfolk Group Limited (ASX: NFK) ("Norfolk") has won a \$56 million contract with GE Transportation ("GE") for a new radio-based rail signalling system on Fortescue Metal Group's ("FMG") track duplication project between Port Hedland and the Christmas Creek iron ore mine in the Pilbara, Western Australia.

The signalling system will be the first of its kind in the Pilbara, using satellite positioning technology to track train movements on a 294km stretch of railway. It will enable greater efficiency and flexibility on the track, significantly increasing annual tonnage capacity.

The contract includes the partial design, fabrication, construction and testing of the radio-based system, along with commissioning support.

Norfolk Managing Director Glenn Wallace said: "This contract is further evidence of Norfolk meeting the significant demand for innovative rail signalling technologies, especially from the resources sector.

"The agreement reinforces the relationship between GE and Norfolk, which has been built through our successful work together on a number of large mining and rail contracts.

"Rail continues to be an area of strength for the Group, backed by our established reputation in delivering significant works on major resources projects."

The contract includes the installation of two control hubs, providing FMG with the ability to track trains and control signalling from both its headquarters in Perth and Port Hedland.

Norfolk's electrical and communications company, O'Donnell Griffin, will deliver the works through its specialist Rail division. More than 150 Norfolk staff will work on the project, including design, factory, construction, logistics, testing and administration staff.

Norfolk is well placed to win further potential works associated with the project, including the possible extension of the system to a planned new rail spur for FMG's Solomon iron ore mine with a target capacity of 155 MTPA.

Works will begin immediately and are expected to be completed in December 2012.

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