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### Another Double-Track Section Added on the South Bohemian Corridor

**Veselí nad Lužnicí, 22 November 2016 – Správa železniční dopravní cesty festively completed the upgrade of the line Ševětín - Horusice. It was one of the ongoing constructions of Rail Transit Corridor IV from Prague to South Bohemia.**

It is possible to classify the construction of the second track and especially increasing line speed and greater security and comfort for passengers among the most important benefits of the project. The modernization allowed reaching parameters of a transit corridor, primarily the desired track loading gauge, spatial continuity and permeability.

*“Implementation of this project brought especially a significant shortening of travel time, which certainly pleases passengers. The original line speed of 100 km/h has been increased up to 160 km/h after the modernization. Thanks to this project, the fastest trains will be capable of reaching the distance from Prague to Brno in two hours.”* stated Mr. Pavel Surý, Director General of Správa železniční dopravní cesty.

Railway stations Dynín and Horusice have undergone visible modifications. In Dynín, constructors have modernized railway branching in the direction of Veselí nad Lužnicí, modified the trackage and also built a new operational facility for the railway office and technology equipment in the vicinity of the station building. Horusice railway station has been rebuilt into a railway stop with external platforms with shelters for passengers. Besides the construction of the second track, a new level crossing safety device with gates was added.

In the railway section between Ševětín and Horusice 4.5 kilometres long, the needs of the environment were taken into account there. Builders customized migration passages under the railway and built a large bridge facility for crossing a bio-corridor by Horusická blata.

The estimated total cost of the construction under the name Modernization of the Ševětín – Veselí nad Lužnicí Line, Part I, made CZK 997,486,381 (VAT excluded). The project was approved for co-financing by the European Union within the Operational Programme Transport. The planned amount of the contribution from the Cohesion Fund represents up to CZK 655,442,661. National financing was secured by the State Fund for Transport Infrastructure. The contractor was the company STRABAG Rail a.s.



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Construction Designation	Modernization of the Ševětín – Veselí nad Lužnicí Line, Part I, Ševětín – Horusice
Construction Investor	Správa železniční dopravní cesty, státní organizace
Supplier	STRABAG Rail a.s.
Term of launch	04/2014
Term of completion	10/2016
Total construction costs	CZK 997,486,381 (VAT excluded)
Planned EU contribution	CZK 655,442,661

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