

Sustainability Report 2008

Fertagus recovers 33% of traction energy and contributes to a 13,000 ton reduction in CO₂ emissions

- 22,000 less cars on the Tagus Bridge
- 3% drop in CO₂ emissions compared to 2007

Lisbon, 26 November 2009 – Last year Fertagus, the Barraqueiro Group Company that operates and manages the North/South rail link, recovered 33% of electrical traction energy, through its train braking system. This is just one of the results reported in the company's first Sustainability Report, which discloses the economic, social and environmental impact of Fertagus' business in 2008.

Also on the environmental front, Fertagus proved to be an efficient manager, and the service it provided meant 13,000 tons of CO₂ did not enter the atmosphere and the amount of CO₂ emitted per passenger kilometre was down 3% to roughly 19.6 grams – as compared to over 20 grams the previous year.

According to José Luís Catarino, the Chairman of Fertagus "The big challenge is to consolidate our position as the best and most important Mobility provider on the Setubal Peninsula. We are working towards ever greater cooperation with the other transport operators, within a system that is the most effective alternative to individual transport, including trips within the Setubal Peninsula".

The report also highlights Fertagus' economic contribution, reflected in the accessibility and swiftness of the daily journeys made by thousands of people and the respective impact on the local and regional economy. The rise in the number of passengers carried thus contributes to the business' economic sustainability, leading to job creation and enhancing the development of new business ventures in the stations run by the company.

Fertagus also shows a strong concern for social issues, by ensuring mobility for all and promoting social inclusion policies. “Accessibility is important, not only because it brings work closer, but also because of the social relationships that make up the safety net for those less well-off”, stresses José Luís Catarino.

In the near future Fertagus hopes to become the first rail operator to be economically self-sufficient, as well as to strengthen its Quality and Safety Management System, improve the links between its service and Metro Sul do Tejo and, furthermore, to reinforce its policy of HR training and development

About Fertagus

FERTAGUS, a Barraqueiro Group company, won the international public tender to operate the North/South Rail Link, and was awarded the suburban passenger transport operation on the basis of its bid’s quality, in terms of transport interconnections, route times, pricing and financial model. Under the operation agreement Fertagus is responsible for running the rail link, safety and maintenance of the trains and some of the stations (Pragal to Penalva), as well as the sale of North/South Rail Link tickets, plus the recruitment, training and management of train and station staff. FERTAGUS currently serves 14 stations over a distance of around 54km.

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