

News Release

Nippon Koei acquired Mikado Rail to expand and strengthen railway consulting operations in Australia.

~Strengthening railway consulting operations in Australia~

Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Tomohisa Fukuoka), a subsidiary of ID&E Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and President: Hiroaki Shinya), acquired shares of Mikado Rail Pty Ltd (Head office: Australia, hereinafter Mikado Rail).

Mikado Rail is a consulting company for railway systems — including signalling, operations management, and communications — headquartered in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, specialising in project management and technical consulting in the railway systems. We have carried out projects including continuous grade separation programmes^{*1} in Victoria and have undertaken projects focused on suburban railway systems modernisation and level crossing safety improvement programmes across Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia.

^{*1} Continuous grade separation programme: Elevating or submerging a railway over a continuous section for purposes such as smoothing urban transportation and integrating city districts.

ID&E Group has many years of experience in railway consulting related to civil engineering, architectural facilities, and railway systems, developed through participation in government development assistance (ODA) projects around the world. In recent years, we have been providing specialised solutions across the entire value chain in Asia, Latin America, and other regions, including design, bidding support, contract management, construction supervision, and operation and maintenance support. In 2022, we also acquired ASAP Mobility Sdn. Bhd., a Malaysian railway systems consulting firm (renamed in 2023 and now Nippon Koei Mobility Sdn. Bhd.), expanding our business in this field in Southeast Asia.

Mikado Rail will further strengthen its technological foundation in Australia, where the railway infrastructure market is expected to grow, by leveraging the ID&E Group's expertise. Specifically, it aims to develop comprehensive solutions in railway systems - such as signalling systems and train control systems typified by CBTC^{*2} and ETCS^{*3} - and to expand its business through these efforts.

^{*2} Communication-Based Train Control: A railway signalling system that uses telecommunications between the train and track equipment for traffic management and infrastructure control.

^{*3} European Train Control System: A train protection system designed to replace the many incompatible systems used by European railways, and railways outside of Europe.

By integrating Mikado Rail's local knowledge in Australia with the ID&E Group's global expertise, we aim to enhance project delivery, develop advanced railway system solutions, and

expand our capabilities. This synergy will support the growth of our railway consulting business in Australia and throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

■ Overview of Mikado Rail

Company name	Mikado Rail Pty Ltd
Location	Level 14 / 333 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000, Australia
Representative	Michael Lattouf, Managing Director
Business Activities	Project management and technical consulting for railway systems (signalling, operations control, communications, networks, low-voltage power systems, high-voltage power systems, overhead line power systems, and substation-related systems)

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