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SMEC designs two major rail sections in the Philippines

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SMEC has been appointed to provide detailed design on the Manila Clark Railway Project (MCRP North Line) and the North South Railway Project, South Line (NSRP South Line). SMEC will assist the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Design Team in the preparation of all necessary documents for the detailed design of the civil, structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical works.

The MCRP North Line and NSRP South Line are two major sections of the national railway transport system that aims to ease traffic congestion in Metro Manila and beyond, promote inclusive growth and improve transport and logistics services to currently underserved areas. SMEC has also provided basic and detailed design and construction supervision of the North South Commuter Rail (NSCR).

“We’re proud to continue our successful partnership with Oriental Consultants Global Co. Ltd on another major commuter rail project that will support economic growth and improve everyday life for people in the Philippines,” said Ric Yuzon, Country Manager SMEC Philippines. “We bring railway engineering expertise from projects all around the world. This appointment, along with our previous work on the NSCR, consolidates our presence in the transport sector.”

The MCRP North Line will provide approx. 50.5 km of high standard suburban commuter rail from Malolos to Clark and around 70 km up to New Clark City. The line will commence at the city of Malolos, passing through the town of Calumpit in the province of Bulacan, the town of Apalit and cities of San Fernando and Angeles until reaching the Clark International Airport (CIA) Complex, all in the Province of Pampanga. It will include viaduct, bridges, seven stations including an underground station in CIA, and approximately 45ha of depot, workshops, operations control and training centers.

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The NSRP South Line will provide approximately 56.5 km of high standard suburban commuter rail from Caloocan City to Calamba Station, plus an additional 13 km up to the proposed depot site at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños in the province of Laguna. The line will connect at the NSCR Solis station, passing through Sta. Mesa, Manila, Parañaque and Muntinlupa, and San Pedro, Biñan, Sta. Rosa, Cabuyao and Calamba, all in Laguna. It will include 22 stations, viaduct bridges and road crossings.

Both lines will utilize the existing Philippine National Railway (PNR) right-of-way over their lengths.

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