SMEC Wins Padma Rail Link Project, Bangladesh

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SMEC, ACE Consultants Ltd (a SMEC subsidiary) and STRATEGI Consulting Company Ltd have signed a contract with the Corps of Engineers of Bangladesh Army to provide Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project in Bangladesh.

The Government of Bangladesh is undertaking this project in order to connect Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh with the south-west of the country.

The new Padma Bridge, to be completed in 2018, will provide essential rail infrastructure to establish the rail link.

Project scope of work includes implementation of the resettlement plan including relocation of various utilities, detail design review, supervision of construction works and preparation of a progress report.

The 215 km rail link will provide a substantially shorter route by reducing travel distance, and is envisioned to become a vital rail corridor, contributing to the country’s economy through increased freight traffic.

ACE Consultants and SMEC were previously involved with the Padma Bridge Project during the feasibility study as part of a joint venture conducted by CANARAIL and funded by the Asian Development Bank.

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