



## **Wabtec and GE Announce U.S. Department of Justice Has Closed Its Review of Pending Merger of Wabtec and GE Transportation**

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WILMERTON, Pa. and BOSTON, Jan. 14, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) and General Electric Company (NYSE: GE) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has closed its review of the pending merger of Wabtec and GE Transportation, a business unit of GE. The merger is expected to create a stronger, more diversified transportation and logistics company.

Raymond T. Betler, president and CEO of Wabtec, said: "The DOJ's decision to close its review of the pending merger marks a significant milestone for our customers, employees, and shareholders. By bringing together GE Transportation, a global digital industrial leader and supplier to the rail, mining, marine, stationary power and drilling industries, with Wabtec's broad range of freight, transit and electronics solutions, we will have the capability and expertise to invent smarter ways to move and improve the world."

The transaction, which will position Wabtec as a Fortune 500 company with operations in more than 50 countries, is expected to close by the end of the first quarter of 2019, subject to satisfaction or waiver of customary closing conditions. Once the transaction is completed, the combined company is expected to have significantly expanded margins, a highly attractive profile based on an improved business mix, expanded global reach, and faster innovation in key growth areas.

### **About Wabtec**

Wabtec Corporation ([www.wabtec.com](http://www.wabtec.com)) is a leading global provider of equipment, systems and value-added services for transit and freight rail. Through its subsidiaries, Wabtec manufactures a range of products for locomotives, freight cars and passenger transit vehicles. The company also builds new switcher and commuter locomotives, and provides aftermarket services. The company employs approximately 18,000 employees worldwide.

### **About GE Transportation**

GE Transportation ([www.getransportation.com](http://www.getransportation.com)) is a global technology leader and supplier of equipment, services and digital solutions to the rail, mining, marine, stationary power and drilling industries. GE Transportation's innovations help customers deliver goods and services with greater speed and savings using advanced digital solutions, manufacturing techniques and connected machines. The company employs approximately 9,000 employees worldwide.

### **Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction between General Electric Company ("GE") and Wabtec, Wabtec has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 and a definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A. If the transaction is effected via an exchange offer, GE will file with the SEC a Schedule TO with respect thereto and Transportation Systems Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GE created for the transaction ("SpinCo"), will file a registration statement on Form S-4/S-1 containing a prospectus. This communication is not a substitute for any registration statement, prospectus or other documents GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY THESE DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY GE, WABTEC OR SPINCO WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these materials and other documents filed with the SEC by GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Investors and security holders will also be able to obtain free copies of the documents filed by GE, Wabtec and/or SpinCo with the SEC from the respective companies by directing a written request to GE and/or SpinCo at General Electric Company, 41 Farnsworth Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 or by calling 617-443-3400, or to Wabtec at Wabtec Corporation, 1001 Air Brake Avenue, Wilmerding, PA 15148 or by calling 412-825-1543.

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Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication. Neither GE nor Wabtec undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or development, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

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