

## News Release

Wabtec's Vapor Stone Rail Systems Celebrates Site Expansion

**PLATTSBURGH, NY – September 12, 2019**: Wabtec Corporation's Vapor Stone Rail Systems celebrated its continued investment in Plattsburgh with the grand opening of its plant on Arizona Ave. The new 60,000-sq-ft facility, which is the company's second plant adjacent to the Plattsburgh International Airport, supports the company's continued growth by increasing its manufacturing capabilities and adding warehouse space.

"We are proud to be opening this new plant, which will allow us to expand our capabilities as a leading provider of door systems, HVAC and converters to the North American rail market and bring significant new job opportunities to the local community," said Lilian Leroux, Wabtec's Transit President. "Along with an improved working environment for our employees, this new state-of-the-art facility will significantly help us reduce our environmental impact and reflects our constant commitment to greater responsibility and sustainability."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by executives from Vapor Stone Rail Systems, North Country Chamber of Commerce President Garry Douglas and other local dignitaries. It commemorated a major step in the Plattsburgh International Airport upgrade project, a public-private partnership between the New York State Department of Transportation and the Plattsburgh-based Development Corporation.

"Wabtec and its Vapor Stone division were among the first transportation equipment companies to establish operations here more than 20 years ago, helping to launch a cluster strategy that now has more than 50 manufacturers in the region," said Douglas. "They have been, and continue to be, an active and committed part of the community. This investment positions the Plattsburgh operation for continued success, and further builds our status as a growing hub for international transportation equipment production. We greatly appreciate the support of Wabtec, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Betty Little, Assemblyman Billy Jones, the Empire State Development, the Development Corporation, and Clinton County in helping position Plattsburgh for growth."

Wabtec invested nearly \$2.5 million in machinery, relocation expenses and employee training for the new plant. It adds onto the company's existing footprint in Plattsburgh, which also continues to operate a 70,000-sq-ft manufacturing facility across the street.

Wabtec's Vapor Stone Rail Systems is an industry leader in the design, development, manufacturing and distribution of HVAC, converters, and doors

systems for commuter and passenger trains. To date, the company has produced more than 200,000 train and metro doors utilized in public transportation worldwide.

## **About Wabtec**

Wabtec Corporation is a leading global provider of equipment, systems, digital solutions and value-added services for freight and transit rail. Drawing on nearly four centuries of collective experience across Wabtec, GE Transportation and Faiveley Transport, the company has unmatched digital expertise, technological innovation, and world-class manufacturing and services, enabling the digital-railand-transit ecosystems. Wabtec is focused on performance that drives progress, creating transportation solutions that move and improve the world. The freight portfolio features a comprehensive line of locomotives, software applications and a broad selection of mission-critical controls systems, including Positive Train Control (PTC). The transit portfolio provides highly-engineered systems and services to virtually every major rail transit system around the world, supplying an integrated series of components for buses and all train-related market segments that deliver safety, efficiency and passenger comfort. Along with its industryleading portfolio of products and solutions for the rail and transit industries, Wabtec is a leader in mining, marine and industrial solutions. Wabtec has approximately 27,000 employees in facilities throughout the world. Visit the company's new website at: www.WabtecCorp.com.

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