

# Texmaco Arm Signs Deal with Spain's CAF

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**Kolkata:** Adventz Group's Texmaco Rail & Engineering on Tuesday said that its subsidiary, Texmaco Transtrak, has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Spanish rolling stock and signalling supplier CAF. As per the agreement, Texmaco Transtrak will be "exclusive partners for manufacture and supply of CAF's electronic interlocking system for the Indian market."

CAF's signalling product range includes electronic inter-locking and train protection and warning systems. The move comes close on the heels of Texmaco Rail's associate company, Sigma Rail Systems, entering into an exclusive agreement for manufacture and supply of Alpro Croatia's digital axle counter.

"Since Indian Railways have announced plans to spend a whopping Rs 78,000 crore for upgradation of their signalling system, these products will find extensive utilization and hence, will boost Texmaco Rail's profitability, going forward," said AK Vijay, executive director, Texmaco Rail.

Texmaco Transtrak Managing Director, Prateek Bhalotia, echoed the emotion. "There is a huge opportunity for electronic inter-locking in Indian Railways, as these directly impact the improvement of safety and operational throughput for them. Indian Railways is committed to improving both the above aspects, which will give us huge opportunity for CAF signalling products," he said.

Bhalotia added that Texmaco Rail now has access to the entire basket of signalling

technologies available for induction by Indian Railways.

Meanwhile, Texmaco Rail & Engineering swung to profit in the quarter ended June 30, after being mired in losses in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The company reported a net profit of Rs 6.51 crore in the first-quarter (Q1) ended June 30, 2018, against a net loss of Rs 8.65 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Gross revenue during the quarter under review stood at Rs 325.73 crore, as against Rs 237.97 crore in the corresponding previous period. Gross profit during the said Q1 was Rs 13.94 crore, against a loss of Rs 5.29 crore in the corresponding previous quarter, while profit before tax in Q1 FY 2018-19 was Rs 9.01 crore against a loss of Rs 9.76 crore incurred in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.