

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## New tramway tracks, reduced noise level and comfortable stops. COLAS CZ completed modernization of tramway track in Ostrava

Reduced noise and vibration levels, more comfortable and safer ride, and improved passenger comfort. All this was brought about by the modernization of the tramway track in Nádražní Street in Ostrava, a project recently completed by Colas CZ.

The refurbishment of the almost 600-metre-long section between 30. dubna Street and Valchařská Street was the biggest infrastructure investment of the Public Transport Company in Ostrava for this year. In just 38 days, the construction workers managed to replace the track superstructure on the double-track line with a more modern and less noisy balastless/slab track and install new catenary on new poles. The platforms of Důl Jindřich tram stop were also renovated - passengers and pedestrians will now be alerted to an approaching tram by a new light signal. The tramway track modernization project in Nádražní Street also involved the replacement of a switch point to allow for a much smoother ride through the area.

"The construction site was located in the middle of an existing urban development, it is a situation that always creates a number of restrictions. But the most challenging part was to coordinate the individual modernization steps so that everything would fit together perfectly. The construction works required extensive traffic closures, which means we had only five summer holiday weeks to complete the entire project. But our construction workers and subcontractors made it in the end," says Daniel Šilar, Manager of Rail Construction Business Unit at Colas CZ.

For Colas CZ, it was yet another completed project of tramway track rehabilitation in the Moravian-Silesian metropolis. In the past, Colas CZ constructed, for example, a new green track in Výškovická Street. Colas CZ is also involved in the rehabilitation project of tramway tracks and a bus stop near Ostravar Arena, where the Ice Hockey World Championship will be held next year.



## Colas (www.colas.cz)

Colas CZ has been operating on the Czech market since 1994. The company specializes in the construction and rehabilitation of motorways, roads, urban and municipal roads, tramway and railway tracks, parking lots, sidewalks and cycling paths. Colas CZ also produces asphalt mixes, polymer-modified bitumen and crushed aggregates. The company's portfolio of works also includes the construction of bridges and concrete structures, retaining walls and utility tunnels. Colas CZ's current projects include the reconstruction of D48 Motorway or the construction of D3 Motorway. This summer Colas CZ completed the project of modernisation of the Palmovka-Ohrada tramway track in Prague.

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