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## **Important contracts gained thanks to C-parts logistics solutions**

**The developments in the field of automated inventory management systems presented in the spring of 2015 under the name «M2M by SFS» are beginning to bear fruit – in addition to well-known Swiss industrial companies, SFS unimarket was chosen by SBB as its new future supplier of operating equipment.**

SFS presented the latest developments in the field of automated inventory management systems in the spring of 2015. The very innovative solutions under the title «M2M by SFS» are the result of several years of R&D efforts and exemplary for Industry 4.0 applications. «M2M» stands for «machine to machine» and refers to the automated exchange of information between machines or devices – in this case, between a warehouse, handheld mobile devices and ERP systems.

Well-known Swiss companies, including the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB), have recognised the advantages of the C-parts logistics solutions. After an official tender procedure, SBB resolved to cover its future requirement for operating equipment (in particular, fasteners and tools) via SFS unimarket. The contract period runs from 2016 to 2025; the total order value is about CHF 40 million.

Thanks to the use of the logistics solutions, customers can further streamline their order processes, significantly reduce the processing cost of total merchandise management and increase the availability of products. This increases the competitiveness of customers. The project activities for a successful implementation of the SBB project have already been initiated.

This important contract confirms the position of SFS unimarket in its role as leading supplier and service provider for fasteners, tools and architectural hardware in Switzerland.



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SFS Group is organised into three business segments Engineered Components, Fastening Systems und Distribution & Logistics which represent the three business models. In the **Engineered Components** segment, SFS partners with customers to develop and manufacture customer-specific precision formed components, fastening solutions and assemblies. The segment operates in the Automotive, Electronics and Industrial divisions and sells its products under the SFS intec and Unisteel brands. In the **Fastening Systems** segment, consisting of the Construction and the Riveting divisions, SFS develops, manufactures and markets application-specific mechanical fastening systems under the SFS intec (Construction) and GESIPA (Riveting) brands. In the **Distribution & Logistics** segment with the SFS unimarket brand, SFS is a leading provider of fasteners, tools and architectural hardware as well as innovative logistics solutions in Switzerland. SFS Group is a global player with manufacturing sites and distribution companies at 72 locations in 24 countries around the world. Sales in business year 2015 amounted to CHF 1.376 bn and the work force numbered approximately 8,300.

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