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**U.S. GRANT SUPPORTS SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDONESIA**

BANDUNG, INDONESIA – Today, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) awarded a grant to PT Kereta Api Indonesia (PT KAI), Indonesia's state owned rail company, to develop a new strategic plan and specific system recommendations for upgrading its rail signaling and telecommunications systems.

The \$593,954 grant, signed by U.S. Ambassador Scot Marciel and PT KAI President Director Ignasius Jonan in Bandung, Indonesia, will fund a technical assistance program that includes a review of existing rail transport corridors, recommendations for systems upgrades, and training workshops for capacity building for PT KAI rail operators and managers. The technical assistance is designed to support PT KAI's planned expansion to meet greater rail demand, while ensuring the safety of the rail network.

The grant demonstrates the U.S. government's broad commitment to support Indonesia's efforts to improve its transportation infrastructure. Furthering this goal, this fall USTDA will sponsor a visit by Indonesian aviation safety officials to the United States to visit air traffic operations centers and meet with U.S. companies who provide the technologies used to safely and effectively manage air traffic. These activities will open opportunities for U.S. businesses to become actively involved in Indonesia's dynamic and growing aviation and rail industries.

"The United States is pleased to provide the technical assistance support for Indonesia's National Railway Master Plan," stated Ambassador Marciel. "U.S. companies are eager to work and invest in Indonesia's growing economic market and this grant will assist in facilitating that relationship."

Following the grant signing, PT KAI will select a U.S. contractor to complete the technical assistance. The opportunity to conduct the USTDA-funded technical assistance activity will be competed on the Federal Business Opportunities (FBO) website. A link to the FBO announcement will be posted to USTDA's website at www.ustda.gov. Interested U.S. firms should submit proposals according to the instructions in the FBO announcement.

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