KEY FEATURESafety Improvement at critical locations





TAWS® is a simple, automatic and autonomous signaling solution aiming at improving safety by generating light & sound alarm at critical locations of a rail network (schools, community areas, populated neighborhoods, non-guarded crossings, tunnels, blind curves, etc.) to announce a train approaching.



Main Components

TAWS® is composed of:

- A stainless steel pole at each site equipped with beacon, solar panels, batteries, local intelligence and communication device(s)
- A central software to monitor in real time the position/speed of each locomotive and the working status of each TAWS pole
- An specific software for the loco driver using his DMI display or a standalone Android device (smartphone/tablet/etc.)
- · An intelligent GPS tracker on board each locomotive
- Data communications devices (GPRS and satellite modem as standard set up, Tetra and VHF are optional)

Technical Specifications

TAWS® pole main components:

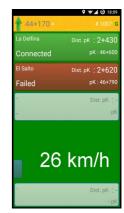
Circuit board	Microcontroller-based local intelligence with resilient logic firmware
Light signal	Class1 360° Super-LED flashing beacon
Sound signal	Adjustable high output sounder
SAT modem	Satellite-cellular
	Communication Terminal
Solar panel	Solar 50W polycrystalline panel
Batteries	Special 12 volt 90Ah dry fit solar battery
Regulator	Solar charge IP65 controller IP65
Security	Anti-theft, anti-vandalism sensors



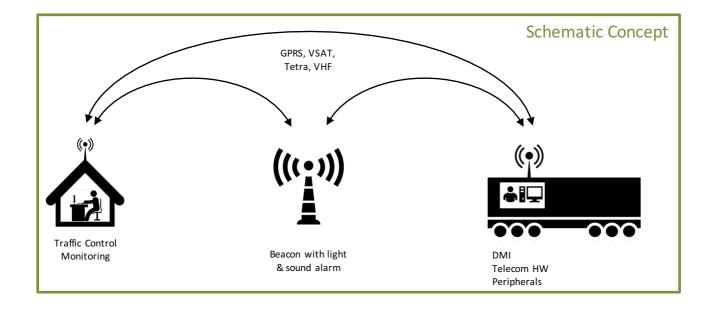
Main Characteristics

TAWS® has been designed to meet challenging operating conditions:

- State-Of-The-Art technology
- Autonomous: fully automatic operations, self-diagnostic features, no external cables
- Strategic: providing critical warning functionality to enhance operational safety
- · Robust: anti-theft design, onboard technology, limited theft-prone track side equipment
- Energy-low consumer: powered by solar energy
- Innovative: remote control of local intelligence, individually customizable
- Connectivity: may integrate other operational systems such as:
 - ATRAC On-Board ®
 - Train control system providing safe line clearance/authority to proceed
 - Automatic level crossings
 - · Motorized rail switches



Driver screen





TAWS® has been designed and prototyped, and now produced by FUTURE RESOURCES sa, the Systems Development & Innovation partner of VECTURIS and AURAXIS, two Belgiumbased companies operating small to medium sized railways in Africa and South America. Based on the railway operating experience of its partners, TAWS® was developed in collaboration with high-tech railway engineering partners.

