



Corporate Profile

Group Ventura
Over *100 years of history*
A Century of Excellence in Railway Engineering



Maziya General Services (Pty) Ltd Building Africa's Infrastructure with Integrity, Innovation and Excellence

Maziya General Services (Pty) Ltd is a leading infrastructure development company dedicated to safety, integrity, excellence and innovation. Deeply rooted in Africa, we deliver professional, client-focused solutions across the infrastructure, construction and freight rail sectors, applying advanced methodologies and responsible project management practices.

Established in 1999, Maziya General Services is a proudly 100% Black-owned South African enterprise, with an inclusive ownership structure comprising 50% women and youth participation and 50% male ownership. We embody South African excellence through a diverse and robust portfolio of projects delivered across both the public and private sectors, nationally and throughout the African continent.

Over the past decade, Maziya has successfully executed a wide range of infrastructure and rail-related services, earning a reputation for reliability, technical expertise and performance-driven delivery.

From innovative engineering solutions to fully customised service offerings, Maziya General Services provides comprehensive expertise tailored to each client's specific requirements. Our approach ensures efficiency, quality, sustainability and long-term value — placing your projects in expert hands from concept to completion.

Welcome to COIPA Group VENTURA Plc

For over **50 years**, I have been involved in the development of **industrial projects in the energy, mining, and communications sectors worldwide**, working with governments and international partners across Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and the Americas.

Our **long-term vision** is based on responsible management of people, resources, communities, and the environment, delivering innovative solutions through talent and technology.

Today, our focus is on the **green energy transition**, contributing to a sustainable future while fostering a culture of trust, innovation, and teamwork, with strong attention to **local communities**.

I am proud of our achievements and confident in our continued growth.

Sincerely,
Vito Favorito Sciammarella
Chief Executive Officer



A Century of Railway Excellence Design, Construction and Maintenance of Railway Track Systems.

Founded in 1923, **Ventura Group** has been a benchmark in the railway infrastructure sector for over a century. For more than forty years, the company has provided integrated services, including design, ballast supply—thanks to its own quarry—and the expertise of a highly specialized engineering workshop.

In addition to being one of Italy's leading railway circuit builders, Ventura Group is recognized as a European leader in the construction and maintenance of narrow-gauge tracks, with a highly qualified team of over 400 employees.

ALL THE RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE OF SOUTHERN ITALY, WITH NARROW GAUGE LINES AND MAINTENANCE INNOVATION AND INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

Ventura Group: An Industrial Excellence Hub with Medtec Srl in the Gioia Tauro Port

Ventura Group is a dynamic network of companies operating in various strategic sectors. Among them, **Medtec Srl** stands out as a highly specialized firm located in the **Gioia Tauro** port area.

Recognized and **certified by RFI** as an industrial center of excellence, **Medtec Srl** plays a crucial role in the **development and innovation** of the sector, ensuring the highest **standards of quality, efficiency, and technological advancement**.



A LEADING BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN ITALY

Ventura Group represents a **solid and innovative industrial reality**, serving as a benchmark for Calabria and the entire Southern Italy region, with a significant impact on the national and **European railway sector**. Specialized in the **development of railway, metro, and tramway infrastructures**, the Group has consolidated its leadership in a strategic industry essential to the country's growth.

The company's success stems from the entrepreneurial vision of its founder, Francesco Ventura, who transformed a local initiative into one of **Italy's most important industrial enterprises**. Today, the Group is led by the Ventura family, which continues to uphold its core values, continuity, and **strong entrepreneurial identity**.

COIPA Italia develops energy and infrastructure projects in Africa, creating sustainable investment opportunities for Italian and European partners while fostering long-term economic and social growth in host countries.

The Development of Railway Infrastructure in Southern Italy

Starting in the late 1950s, the Italian government launched an industrialization process in **Southern Italy**, focusing particularly on Calabria. Initially, organizations such as Opera Sila and Cassa per il Mezzogiorno were established, along with Reclamation Consortia, to **encourage industrial settlements in the South**. However, these initiatives had controversial effects, leading to rural depopulation and a massive workforce migration to the new industrial sites.



Government intervention in the railway sector became necessary due to infrastructure deficiencies and war damage, especially in Southern Calabria and the Strait of Messina area. The deterioration of railway lines and the increase in passenger and freight traffic towards **Northern Italy** and **Central Europe** made railway network upgrades a priority.

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At the same time, the Ionian railway corridor underwent significant upgrades, including the modernization of railway tracks and the introduction of new signaling and electric block systems in the stations. These improvements enhanced both efficiency and safety in rail transport across the region.



Coipa Italia S.p.A shaping the future of railways: the legacy and innovation of **Gruppo Ventura** emphasizes the importance of combining historical experience with innovation in the railway sector.

With its **century-long expertise** and commitment to innovation, **Ventura Group** plays a key role in the development of **railway infrastructure**, contributing to **technological progress** and the modernization of the sector in Italy and abroad.

With a **strong dedication to quality** and sustainability, the Group continues to **build on its success** in the international industrial landscape.

Our Rolling Stock Fleet by Track Gauge

The table summarizes the **available railway machinery and rolling stock**, categorized by track gauge: **standard gauge** (1,435 mm) and **narrow gauge** (950 mm). The inventory for each equipment type is as follows:

- **Rail replacers (*including service vehicles*):**
2 units for 1,435 mm; none available for 950 mm.
- **Ballast cleaning machines:**
4 units for 1,435 mm; 1 unit for 950 mm.
- **Track tamping machines:**
19 units for 1,435 mm; 6 units for 950 mm.
- **Ballast regulators:**
12 units for 1,435 mm; 4 units for 950 mm.
- **Locomotives:**
37 units for 1,435 mm; 10 units for 950 mm.
- **Rail welding machines:**
2 units for 1,435 mm; 2 units for 950 mm.
- **Rail/road loaders (*road-rail vehicles*):**
39 units for 1,435 mm; 18 units for 950 mm.
- **Dynamic stabilizers:**
1 unit for 1,435 mm; none available for 950 mm.
- **Wagons:**
144 units for 1,435 mm; 45 units for 950 mm.



Rooted in a **long-standing industrial heritage**, Ventura Group has established itself as a strategic contributor to the advancement of railway **infrastructure systems**. Through continuous investment in engineering **excellence** and technological integration, the Group supports the transformation and **efficiency of transport networks** across Italy and international markets.

Committed to operational reliability, environmental responsibility, and sustainable growth, **Ventura Group continues to expand its global footprint** while delivering long-term value to public and private stakeholders.

For additional information: www.coipaventura.com/our-history/

Organization Chart





COIPA Group VENTURA Plc

OUR PROJETS

We enhance railway experiences through premium materials and cutting-edge design. From luxurious leather interiors to bespoke comfort solutions, our expertise ensures elegance and durability for every journey.

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LEADING BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN ITALY

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTHERN ITALY

Driving Economic Growth and Regional Connectivity through the Development of Railway Infrastructure in Southern Italy.

INDUSTRIALIZATION IN SOUTHERN ITALY: THE IMPACT OF 1950S GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES ON CALABRIA'S DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION

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Revitalizing Southern Calabria's Railways: Government Action Amid Infrastructure Challenges





COIPA SUPPORTS ERC IN MANAGING THE ERC MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP FOR RAILWAY MAINTENANCE

COIPA has partnered with the **Ethiopian Railways Corporation (ERC)**, Ethiopia's national railway operator, to support key infrastructure projects aimed at improving the country's freight and passenger rail services. A major focus of this collaboration is the development and operation of the ERC Maintenance Workshop, a strategic facility responsible for maintaining ERC's rolling stock.

The project involves the refurbishment, modernization, and capacity expansion of the existing maintenance facility, which will be carried out through a joint venture company (JVC) formed by ERC, COIPA, and leading European partners in rail maintenance.



Southern Italy's Railway
Infrastructure: A Vital Network



The Role of Narrow-Gauge
Railways in Southern Italy



Innovation and International
Success in Railway Maintenance



VENTURA GROUP: PIONEERING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE EXCELLENCE IN SOUTHERN ITALY

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Ventura Group stands out as a solid and innovative industrial entity, serving as a reference point not only for Tirreno Cosentino and Calabria but for the entire Southern Italy. The company embodies an industrial vision focused on **producing high-quality goods** and services, significantly impacting the national and European railway sector.

Specialized in railway construction, the Group develops metro systems and tramways, consolidating its leadership in a strategic sector. The **company's success** stems from the vision and determination of its founder, Group Ventura, who transformed an entrepreneurial initiative into one of the most important industrial realities in Italy, as recognized by Il Sole 24 Ore.

For additional information: www.coipaventura.com/renovation/





Digitalization and Connected Trains

Digitalization is transforming both the passenger experience and operational efficiency. Digital ticketing systems, free Wi-Fi on trains, and travel management apps are just a few of the innovations improving service quality.

At the same time, real-time data and smart systems help optimize maintenance, enhance safety, and reduce delays.

For additional information: www.coipaventura.com/key-highlights/



Advanced Technology for Safety and Efficiency

Innovations such as automatic traffic control systems, predictive maintenance using IoT sensors, and artificial intelligence are enhancing the safety and reliability of rail services. These technologies also enable more efficient operations and better resource management across the network.

Trains are now faster, safer, and better monitored, reducing delays and technical failures.

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METRO DEVELOPMENT

Connecting Cities with Light Surface and Underground Solutions

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE

Specialized in railway construction, the Group plays a key role in the development of metro systems and tramways, strengthening its **leadership** in one of the most strategic sectors of **modern infrastructure**. Through advanced engineering expertise, technological innovation, and a strong commitment to **quality and safety**, the company actively contributes to the modernization and expansion of sustainable urban **mobility networks**.

The **Group's success** is rooted in the vision and determination of its founder, **Group Ventura**, who transformed an entrepreneurial initiative into one of the **most significant industrial** realities in Italy. Guided by a **long-term strategic** outlook and strong operational discipline, the company has steadily expanded its **capabilities and market presence**.

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Palermo Tramway – Expansion and infrastructure improvements



Catania Subway – Ongoing construction and network development



Messina Tramway – New tramway construction project



Rome Subway – Maintenance and modernization works



**Warsaw Metro – Line 2 expansion,
including Stations C13, C14, and C15**



**Sassari Tramway – Development of the
urban tram system**



Tram Networks of Palermo



Naples Underground Metro



NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

Today, its growth and **industrial excellence** have been recognized by leading national media, including **Il Sole 24 Ore**, confirming its position as a benchmark in the **Italian railway and infrastructure** landscape.

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