



Press release

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Commemorative coin "100 years of Bernina Railway"

The Swiss Confederation is issuing a silver coin to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Bernina Line. The coin will be presented to the public for the first time today. The official date of issue is 21st January.

On 21st January, the Federal Mint Swissmint will be issuing the coin "100 years of Bernina Railway" to commemorate the railway line which is now included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. The commemorative coin will be presented for the first time at the inaugural event for the anniversary year to be held today in Bernina-Diavolezza. The coin will be ceremoniously handed over to Erwin Rutishauser, CEO of the Rhaetian Railways by Kurt Rohrer, General Manager of Swissmint.

The silver coin "Bernina Railway" is the third in the Mountain Railways series launched by Swissmint in 2008 and follows the coins commemorating the "Vitznau-Rigi Railway" and the "Brienzen-Rothorn Railway". All three coins were designed by the artist Benno K. Zehnder and have a legal face value of 20 Swiss francs. The "Bernina Railway" commemorative coin will be available for purchase from 21st January in "uncirculated" quality and "proof" quality in a presentation case (highest minting quality) from the Rhaetian Railways, coin dealers, banks and at www.swissmint.ch. The Swiss Confederation uses the proceeds from the sale of the coins, the minting profit, to support cultural projects throughout Switzerland.

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Fact sheet

Silver coin "100 years of Bernina Railway" "Mountain Railways" series



Caption: Silver for one of the most well-known railway lines in the world: commemorative coin "100 years of Bernina Railway"

<i>Effigy</i>	"Bernina Railway"
<i>Artist</i>	Benno K. Zehnder, Gelfingen
<i>Technical data</i>	Alloy: Silver 0.835 Weight: 20 g Diameter: 33 mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	21 st January 2010
<i>Number produced</i>	Normal minting quality, uncirculated: max. 50,000 coins Proof in presentation case: max. 7,000 coins
<i>Price indication</i>	Normal minting quality: 20.00 CHF Proof: 55.00 CHF
<i>Sales</i>	Rhaetian Railway, coin dealers, banks as well as online at www.swissmint.ch

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