



**Within a tight deadline and over the Christmas period, SkyBlue Rail managed to successfully deliver switch and crossings renewals safely and on time**

SkyBlue was faced with many challenges during the holiday period, with 19 points to be completed by the New Year at Longsight rail station and a tight deadline of two weeks.

Such an essential project also needed a large, competitive workforce in order to deliver the job at the highest standards of health and safety and on deadline.

First Engineering plc., acting as the principal contractor on behalf of Network Rail, was seeking a supplier which could demonstrate the required capability safety standards and cost effectiveness.

Award winning recruitment agency SkyBlue supplied over 150 reliable, qualified rail professionals including ESs, COSSs, Site Wardens, Lookouts, Point Operators Slings and Supervisors.

#### OBJECTIVE

To renew 19 point ends in Longsight for First Engineering plc. on behalf of Network Rail

#### TIMESCALE

22/12/07 to 02/01/08 (two weeks)

Due to the potential hazards raised in the railway and the adverse climate conditions, SkyBlue ensured that all necessary training was delivered before the works were carried out. Skills needed specifically for the Longsight project were identified between Contractor and supplier in advance and SkyBlue Rail provided the skills to our people to meet the clients, and the projects demands.

As a result, the two-week project was completed on time with the reportable number of accidents at zero!

The antisocial hours and mobile nature of rail work have always made this a challenging sector, even more so when the work needs to be carried out at such an inconvenient date in the calendar.

SkyBlue people demonstrated at Longsight, the ability to reduce this unpredictability through careful and professional management.