



***Egis Projects, a subsidiary of Groupe Egis, has obtained the exclusivity to negotiate with the General Directorate of National Roads and Motorway (“GDDKiA”) the concession contract for the section Wroclaw - Katowice of the A4 Motorway in Poland.***

Egis Projects, together with Stalexport S.A. and Strabag AG submitted on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2004, through a Polish special purpose company Stalexport Autostrada Slaska SA (“**SAS S.A.**”), a Tender for the Concession of the A4 motorway between Wroclaw and Katowice.

After the analysis of the evaluation committee, GDDKiA officially announced on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 that negotiation will be conducted on an exclusive basis with SAS S.A. with the view to sign a Concession Contract. SAS S.A. will simultaneously start discussions with banks with the objective to achieve financial close at the beginning of 2005.

This section of the A4 motorway of a length of 187 km is already under traffic for a major part and is expected to be fully completed in early 2005 under the supervision of GDDKiA. The motorway will then be delivered to SAS S.A, future Concessionaire, in charge of the financing, design and construction of the operating facilities and operation of the motorway from the date of granting of the Concession.

Egis Projects and Strabag will form a joint venture for the construction of the operating facilities (toll barriers, operation buildings, service areas, operating equipment) which shall start during the first semester of 2005.

This announcement represents a new achievement of Egis Projects in Poland and demonstrates its capacity to develop further on this market.

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