



Press release

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Egis opens to traffic the first Public Private Partnership (PPP) motorway in Austria

On 29th January 2010, Egis, within the concession company Bonaventura, opened to traffic the first Austrian PPP motorway project in the presence of the State Minister of Lower Austria, Dr. Erwin Pröll.

This 51-kilometre project includes several sections located on the A5 motorway between Vienna and the Czech Republic.

The first phase, consisting of Sections S2 and S1 East, 16 km in total, opened, as planned, on last 1st November 2009.

The second phase, consisting of Section S1 West and A5 South (between Eibesbrunn and Schrick), 35 km in total, including 4 tunnels, opened on 29th January 2010, as scheduled.

In December 2006, ASFINAG, the Austrian Autobahnen- und Schnellstraßen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft, awarded to the concession company Bonaventura the contract to design, build, finance and operate this first section of Vienna's north-eastern bypass.

Egis Projects holds 11.2% stake in the concession company Bonaventura, with the German company Hochtief PPP Solutions GmbH (lead company) and the Austrian company Alpine Bau GmbH each hold a 44.4% stake.

In addition of being a shareholder of the concession company, Egis Projects (40%), in association with its partners Alpine Energy (30%) and Hochtief Construction (30%), is in charge of the equipment supply and delivery contract, for a value of more than €50 million. The scope of works included the engineering, design, procurement and commissioning of all electro-mechanical and safety related equipment in the tunnels and the traffic management and communication systems for the entire length of the 51km long motorway.

The motorway is operated for a period of 30 years by a special purpose operating company Bonaventura Strassenerhaltungs GmbH established under the leadership of Egis Road Operation.

The project amounts to approximately EUR 933 million and is fully privately financed.

Early 2007, the project was selected as the "Most Innovative Financing" by the International Road Federation (IRF) and awarded the 2007 IRF Global Road Achievement Award (GRAA).

In 2008, Project Finance magazine awarded also the European Transport Roads Deal of the Year 2008 to this project.

The successful completion of this project in Austria is a further proof of Egis' capability to export its know how all over the world and develop projects under Public Private Partnerships (PPP).





Egis Projects is the subsidiary of Egis which develops BOT/PPP projects, operates transport infrastructures, through its subsidiary Egis Road Operation (formerly Transroute International), integrates operating systems and provides value-added services to road users. It is one of the world leaders in airport and toll motorway concession and operation: it has closed 20 projects for a total value of €10 billion and its 18 operating companies (12 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia, 1 in Americas) have 1550 km of motorways under contract, 930 km of which are already in operation with 3200 employees performing all tasks of operation and maintenance.

The last successes of Egis Projects include the design, build, finance and operation of the 400 km London orbital motorway M25 in the United Kingdom, the A88 motorway Falaise-Sées in France as well as the M6 phase III motorway in Hungary. With Larnaca Airport, Egis operates and manages now 4 international airports totalling 9 million passengers per year.

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Egis is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, with a turnover of €560 million in 2009 and 7300 employees worldwide. It is a world leader in transport infrastructure engineering, providing comprehensive service solutions comprising engineering, project development and operation of motorway concessions.

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