



## Press release

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### **Egis opens to traffic the M6 Phase III Motorway, one of the largest infrastructure deals in Hungary**

On March 31, the French company Egis Projects, within the concession company M6 Tolna Autópálya Koncessziós Zrt, opens to traffic the M6 Phase III Motorway, one of the largest infrastructure deals in Hungary, in the presence of the Prime Minister of Hungary and Mr. Gordon Bajnai, the Minister of Transport, Telecommunication and Energy.

The M6 Phase III Motorway between Dunaújváros and Szekszárd has been implemented as a 30-year concession awarded by the Republic of Hungary under a DBFMO (design, build, finance, maintain and operate) contract.

It consists in a 65.1 km motorway section with dual carriageway (2 x 2 traffic lanes) between Dunaujvaros and Szekszard. It is the central section of the M6 motorway linking Budapest to Pecs in the South of Hungary. 8 traffic junctions have been built to ensure connection to the national public roads together with 58 bridges, out of which 6 viaducts between 160 and 632 meters long, and an Operation and Maintenance Centre.

The contract value is EUR 520 million, one of the largest infrastructure deals in Hungary.

Tender procedure regarding the M6 phase III motorway concession contract started in January 2008 and the concession company M6 Tolna Autópálya Koncessziós Zrt including **Egis Projects** (10%), Bilfinger Berger (45%) and Porr Solutions (45%) was declared Preferred Bidder on 17 June 2008.

The concession company M6 Tolna Autópálya Koncessziós Zrt reached financial close on 16 July 2008 with 11 European commercial banks providing a EUR 463 million Senior Debt facility. On 31 July 2008, the project was partly refinanced with a facility from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

From March 31<sup>st</sup>, **Egis Road Operation**, a 100% Egis Projects subsidiary, will operate and maintain the M6 phase III motorway through a 52% participation in a special purpose company, M6 Tolna üzemeltető kft, together with Bilfinger Berger Infrastructure Services (16%), Porr Solutions (16%) and Asfinag (16%).

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





**Egis Projects** is a leading road toll operator and service provider in Europe. Egis Projects benefits from the vast engineering expertise of its mother company, Egis, in various transportation infrastructure projects. Egis Projects is one of the first companies to design, build, finance and operate an open road tolling project with no toll plazas in Golden Ears Bridge free flow project in Canada and the Melbourne city link in Australia. In addition to being one of the top ten road operators in Europe, it is also one of the world's leading players in the field of operations in terms of the whole back office environment and the integration across multiple platforms for the road side systems.

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