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European Broadcasting Union (EBU): 2012 Eurovision Song Contest will be broadcast from the "Baku Crystal Hall"

- ▶ **ALPINE on schedule with the prestigious project on the Caspian Sea**
- ▶ **Over 100 million viewers around the world will watch the contest**

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN Yesterday the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) announced that the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest would be broadcast from the "Baku Crystal Hall." The multipurpose hall is being built in Baku, Azerbaijan's capital, by the ALPINE Construction Company. Three different venues were in the running to host the event. This year's organizer, Azerbaijan's public television company, Ictimai TV, recommended the Baku Crystal Hall to EBU as the best location for the 2012 Song Contest.

The spectacular Baku Crystal Hall is being built on National Flag Square and will be a new landmark in Baku's port. The hall constructed by ALPINE will allow 16,000 spectators to watch the 2012 Song Contest live on each of three days. Another 100 million viewers around the world are expected to watch the event on television to see which performers from among the 43 participating nations win the contest.

ALPINE started building the multipurpose hall last August. ALPINE Bau Deutschland AG, a subsidiary of the Austrian ALPINE Construction Company, is the main contractor responsible for planning and building the Baku Crystal Hall. The hall will have a capacity of up to 25,000 spectators. Currently 500 members of staff are working on Baku's most famous construction site to ensure the project's timely completion.

ALPINE: an Austrian success story

The Austrian ALPINE Construction Company is a member of the FCC Group and has built roads, motorways, power plants, stadiums, railways and subways, bridges, residential, commercial and industrial buildings around the world.

Together with its subsidiary, ALPINE-ENERGIE, it promotes the construction and development of sustainable, alternative energies and energy networks. Approximately half of the revenue from construction services of approx. 3.5 billion euros per year is generated in Austria's domestic market.

ALPINE has won international acclaim with foreign projects: ALPINE is responsible for the construction of three stadiums for the 2012 European Football Championships in Poland as well as subway lines in New Delhi and Singapore, the Bulgarian hydraulic power plant in Tsankov Kamak and hundreds of other construction projects of every type and size.

The FCC conglomerate with its head office in Madrid operates in the public services, environmental services, infrastructure and renewable energies sector on an international scale. FCC has over 90,000 employees in more than 50 countries. Last year its sales were in excess of 12 billion euros with a profit of over 300 million euros.

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