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PRESS RELEASE

ALPINE JV, wins contract for two Central London station tunnels on the Crossrail project

- **Station platform tunnel construction for Europe's largest infrastructure project**
- **5-year construction period, construction to start in February 2011**
- **Contract value: £235 million**

Salzburg: ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling GmbH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALPINE Bau, landed a contract to build two new underground railway platform tunnels measuring over 250 metres in length at Whitechapel and Liverpool Street in London under the BBMV Joint Venture (ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling GmbH, Balfour Beatty, Morgan Sindall plc. and VINCI Construction Grands Projects). Crossrail is currently Europe's largest infrastructure project and designed to connect east and west London with Canary Wharf, West End and Heathrow Airport.

The contract also includes access shaft, diagonal shafts for the escalators, tunnel for ventilation and electro-technical installations as well as a network of connecting tunnels to existing public transport buildings.

Josef Arnold, spokesman for the management of ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling, said that constructing with minimum disruption to traffic in the neighbouring tubes of London will be the most demanding aspect of the works. The project's location in the inner city will require an innovative logistics plan.

"We are proud to demonstrate our expertise in tunnel construction on Europe's largest infrastructure project," says Roman Esterbauer, Member of the ALPINE Bau GmbH management.

Upon completion of the entire line, Crossrail will increase London's railway capacity by 10 % while providing new destinations and significantly shorter travel times.

ALPINE's competence in tunnel construction

ALPINE and its wholly-owned subsidiary, ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling GmbH, has demonstrated a high level of competence in tunnel construction projects in Austria and throughout the world. These include the Pfänder and Bosruck Tunnels, the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) between UK and France and the construction of Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 (T5)

ALPINE has successfully implemented projects for the construction of railways, metros, motorway tunnels as well as water and energy management systems.



ALPINE is currently involved in the construction of the Gotthard Base Tunnel in Switzerland, the new Metro network in New Delhi, India and an intake tunnel for the power plant in Tapovan, India. Further power plant tunnels currently in progress are located in Bulgaria and Turkey. ALPINE is expanding the Metro network in Singapore and constructing a water supply tunnel in China. The company shares its know-how by providing consulting for tunnel construction projects in the USA, Russia, Kazakhstan and Great Britain.

The Austrian **ALPINE company**, a member of the FCC Group, is a global player. With a construction output of EUR 3.4 billion in 2009 and a staff of 15,234, ALPINE is the second largest construction company in Austria. For more information visit www.alpine.at.

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About Crossrail

Crossrail will run 118 km from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west, through new twin-bore 21 km tunnels under central London to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. It will bring an additional 1.5 million people within 45 minutes commuting distance of London's key business districts.

When Crossrail opens it will increase London's rail-based transport network capacity by 10 per cent, supporting regeneration across the capital, helping to secure London's position as a world leading financial centre, and cutting journey times across the city.

Crossrail will deliver substantial economic benefits for all of London and the South East. Latest economic forecasts suggest that Crossrail will add £42bn to the economy, resulting in a £17bn tax boost for the Treasury. Previous estimates were that Crossrail would deliver up to a £36bn boost to the UK economy.

Up to 14,000 people will be employed at the peak of construction in 2013/2015, with an estimated further 7,000 jobs created indirectly.

Crossrail is delivered by Crossrail Limited (CRL).

CRL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Transport for London. Crossrail is jointly sponsored by the Department for Transport and Transport for London.