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## PRESS RELEASE

### **ŽILINSKÁ DIAĽNICA celebrates groundbreaking ceremony for D1 Hričovské Podhradie – Dubná Skala motorway in Slovakia**

**ŽILINSKÁ DIAĽNICA concession company with: ALPINE/FCC and HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions**

Today's groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of the works on the Hričovské Podhradie – Dubná Skala section of the D1 motorway. Together with its contractor D1-CONSTRUCTION s.r.o. and in the presence of the Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico and the Minister of Transport, Ľubomir Vážny, the concession company ŽILINSKÁ DIAĽNICA s.r.o. celebrated the start of the early works for this motorway concession project. Concession is led by HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions GmbH, having equal shares in the special purpose company with its partner ALPINE Bau GmbH/FCC Construcción S.A. In mid-January ŽILINSKÁ DIAĽNICA signed the contract with the Slovak government for the design, financing, construction and operation of four sections of the D1 motorway.

The project involves construction of 25 kilometres of motorway and 6 kilometres of access roads, of which 10.6 kilometres are tunnels and 7.6 kilometres bridges. Today's ceremony marked the start of the contractually agreed "early works" which include planning, clearance works, access roads to bridges and tunnels, as well as tunnel portals. ALPINE Bau GmbH and HOCHTIEF Construction AG will each construct 50 percent of the project. Construction works are led by ALPINE.

Once the construction is completed, the project route will be operated for a period of 30 years by a operating company in which HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions and ALPINE Bau/FCC Construcción both have a 50 percent shareholding.



HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions and ALPINE Bau are already successfully working together in Austria on the A5 (Ypsilon) PPP project which was opened for traffic last week.

### **D1 project**

The 30 kilometre motorway project with 28 bridges will be built between the villages of Hričovské Podhradie and Dubná Skala. Total of three double-tube tunnels with a total length of over ten kilometers will be constructed using the "New Austrian Tunneling Method" (NATM).

### **D1-Construction s.r.o.**

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