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# ALPINE: second tube of the St. Gotthard Tunnel successfully driven through

**Both single-track tunnels of the 57-km Gotthard Base Tunnel are fully excavated**

Five months after the main cut-through in the east tube, the last few meters of rock in the west tube of the St. Gotthard Base tunnel between Faido and Sedrun were broken through. "The second main cut-through is another decisive milestone in the St. Gotthard Tunnel project," said Roman Esterbauer, the responsible managing director at ALPINE Bau GmbH. Now the work will concentrate on the tunnel lining, the infrastructure systems and railway engineering installations. In addition to the construction of the St. Gotthard Base Tunnel ALPINE also landed the contract to install the railway engineering equipment in the two single-track tunnel tubes and on the connecting lines north and south of the tunnel until they join the existing railway network in April 2008, working under the Transtec Gotthard consortium.

### **The St. Gotthard Tunnel**

The St. Gotthard Tunnel is the heart of the Alp Transit project on the Gotthard axis. It consists of two single-track tubes with a length of 57 km each.

The contract to build the longest tunnel in the world was awarded to AlpTransit Gotthard AG, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Swiss Federal Railway, in 2001. The tunnel is divided into five sections. Consorzio TAT, in which ALPINE Bau GmbH holds a 25 % share, is building the Bodio (15 km) and Faido (14 km) sections having a contract value of SFR 1.48 billion.

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