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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **ALPINE receives Railway Orders in Bosnia and Republika Srpska**

**Modernisation of lines in Bosnia and Republika Srpska valued at approximately EUR 85 million**

Salzburg/Sarajevo/Banja Luka: The railway lines in Bosnia, from Sarajevo to Ploce at a length of 99 km, as well as the line from Kostajnica to Josavka in Republika Srpska at a length of 65 km will be modernised. The superstructure on both routes will be completely replaced with rail type UIC 60 and the entire ballast bed will be renewed. This will lead to a significant increase in the train speed currently possible and thus provide the population with a crucial modern means of railway transportation.

### **Railway Line Sarajevo - Ploce**

The area covered by the contract signed for the route Sarajevo – Ploce for the sections Konjic-Raska Goro and Raskas Gora Capaljina shows a length of 99 km. The net order values amounts to EUR 51.1 million. 45% of the financing comes from the ERBD and 55% of the financing comes from EIB funds.

ALPINE will conduct the work in collaboration with the company Swietelsky. The work is planned to start on 23 November and, according to the terms of the contract, must be wholly completed with 730 calendar days. "The upgrading of this route is extremely challenging because it consists of a very large number of tunnels and bridges", reports Roman Esterbauer, the managing director responsible for the ALPINE Bau GmbH. The modernisation of this section is of extreme significance to the population, as nearly 60 percent of the entire route cannot be reached by car. Mustafa Mujezinovic, Bosnia Prime Minister, Nail Seckanovic, the Minister of Traffic and Communications and representatives of the railway company Dragan Calovic / Muriz Herenda / Ivan Knezovic and Narcis Dzumhur were present at the signing of the contract.

### **Railway Line Banja Luka - Doboj**

Roman Esterbauer's team was able to sign a contract for the modernisation of the railway line Banja Luka – Doboj for the section Kostajnica – Josavka as an additional order. The 65 km long route with a net order value of EUR 33.9 million and 45% of the financing will also come from the EBRD and 55% of the financing will come from EIB funds. ALPINE will also be working in collaboration with Swietelsky here and will commence work on 23 November 2009. The work will also be completed within 730 calendar days.

Milorad Dodik/ Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, Nedeljko Čubrilović / Minister of Traffic as well as Dragan Calovic and Ivan Knezovic from the railway company Petko Stanojević were present at the signing of the contract in Banja Luka.



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