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PRESS RELEASE

ALPINE now in Norway

Bridge for 108 million Norwegian kroner leads the way for further expansion into Northern Europe

Salzburg: the ALPINE construction company continues to pursue its expansion strategy by concentrating on Northern Europe as its target market. "We are not looking towards Northern Africa but focusing on the stable countries in the north," says Roman Esterbauer, member of the management at ALPINE Bau GmbH, where his team landed its first contract in Norway. The contract for the construction of the Kafjord Bridge in the municipality of Alta in northwest Norway, was recently signed in Oslo. ALPINE won the bid against five other competing companies. The Norwegian government is the client for the 108-million-kroner (EUR 14 million) bridge, represented by the Highway Administration - Statens Vegvesen – in the municipality of Alta. The region has pleasant temperatures thanks to the North Atlantic Stream.

ALPINE intends to introduce itself as a reliable partner with this project and secure a good starting position for further interesting projects in Norway. "We see a great deal of potential in this market and are convinced that a long-term commitment in this area will have a very positive effect," adds Esterbauer.

The bridge

The bridge, a 300-meter, asymmetric, cable-stayed concrete bridge, will carry national road traffic. The pylon has an impressive height of 80 meters. Construction will start at the end of April 2011 and should be completed by the end of 2012.

Expansion into Northern Europe

Political stability and favorable economic growth were the positive factors influencing ALPINE's decision to intensify its efforts for expansion into Northern Europe. Technologically challenging projects are already being carried out in Sweden by ALPINE's subsidiary, ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling. The company recently completed a railroad tunnel in southern Sweden as well as a sewer tunnel near Goteborg with a contract value of approx. 30 million euros. The company also landed a contract for the construction of two underground train stations in London, currently England's largest railroad project, as part of a consortium.

*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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