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## PRESS RELEASE

### **ALPINE's young apprentice bricklayers and young formwork builders win competition**

**19 young bricklayers and formwork builders were admitted to the competition. Three ALPINE apprentices won, a total of five were qualified.**

The 27<sup>th</sup> competition for the best "bricklayer" and "formwork builder" apprentices was held from June 15 – 16, 2011 at the Vienna Building Academy in Guntramsdorf. Nineteen young apprentice bricklayers and formwork builders whose performance during their apprenticeship period was above-average participated. Five ALPINE apprentices from across Austria were among the 19 best young bricklayers at the Building Academy who qualified: Alexander Aichinger, ALPINE Bau, Upper Austria Branch, Taufkirchen/Pram Office won first prize. His three workpieces showcased high precision and convinced the prominent jury.

Six teams competed in the team competition for the best young formwork builders from Vienna, Lower Austria and Upper Austria. The ALPINE Bau team and its apprentices, Sebastian Berger and Andreas Wolfthaler, Upper Austria Branch, Steyr Office, fought for victory and won first place.

Both the quality of the workpieces and performance in the theoretical examinations demonstrated the apprentices' professional skills and the high training standards in Austria. Apprentices in their final year before entering a career as "Bricklayers" and "Formwork Builders" from the states of Vienna, Burgenland, Upper Austria, Lower Austria and Salzburg attended the annual competition.

The competition was streamed live via the Internet to draw more attention to the event. Viewers were able to watch the contestants as they worked. Striking and especially gratifying: the enthusiasm shown by the young bricklayers and young formwork builders as they tackled their tasks underlines the attractiveness of these future careers.

The state guild master, DI Dr. Rainer Pawlick, and Mag. Michael Pichler (Professional Association for the Construction Industry) carried out the victory ceremony before a professional audience. Bmst. Isabella Leeb and Christoph Peschek, member of the State Parliament, attended as political representatives.



## **ALPINE encourages apprentices**

At ALPINE an apprenticeship is a foundation for life. The Austrian construction company trains approx. 200 apprentices each year. Great importance is attached to an outstanding interaction between parents, apprentices, the school and the instructors. Apprentices passing the apprenticeship examinations with a grade of "outstanding" win a one-hundred-euro bonus.

*The Austrian **ALPINE company**, a member of the FCC Group, is a global player. With a construction output of EUR 3.2 billion in 2010 and a staff of 15,100, ALPINE is the second largest construction company in Austria. For more information visit [www.alpine.at](http://www.alpine.at).*

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