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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **ALPINE lands big contract to build the Karlsruhe city railway tunnel**

**300-million-euro contract for carcass work awarded to German construction company.**

**Munich / Karlsruhe, February 23, 2010** – A consortium under the lead management of ALPINE Bau Deutschland AG landed the contract to provide the extensive carcass work for the construction of the new city railway tunnel in Karlsruhe valued at approx. EUR 300 million. ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling and Universale GSB, subsidiaries of the ALPINE Group, and FCC Contrucción are also part of the consortium. Karlsruher Schieneninfrastruktur-Gesellschaft mbH (KASIG), one of the city of Karlsruhe's enterprises, awarded the contract during a press conference in Karlsruhe on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Karsten Hell, the construction company's CEO, is particularly pleased to win the contract. "All special services will come from one source. This optimizes the project control and coordination for all parties concerned."

### **Future-oriented construction project**

The city of Karlsruhe is carrying out a future-oriented project with its so-called "combined solution" for the City Railway tunnel. It will relieve the traffic in the inner city and improve the quality of life. The sophisticated project, costing a total of 588 million euros, will include the construction of two tunnels for the city railway over a distance of 3.4 kilometers with seven stations. The road tunnel for motor traffic is 1.4 kilometers long. The line for the new city railway above-ground will be 1.5 kilometers long with three stations.

### **Technically complex project**

The services to be provided by the ALPINE consortium include the detailed design, sewer construction, installation of underground cables, foundation engineering as well as the construction of roads, tunnels and railway tracks. The specialists will also be responsible for the construction of the underground stations and tunnel ramps, which will pose a real challenge. "Apart from the actual construction work, extensive relocations and the removal of several kilometers of supply lines without disrupting the city railway service above ground make this such a high-end project in terms of logistics and engineering," says Hell. ALPINE Bau Deutschland AG is a subsidiary of the Austrian ALPINE Bau GmbH, whose majority shareholder is the publicly-traded Spanish FCC S.A. company. The project is scheduled for completion in 2016.



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