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PRESS RELEASE

ALPINE: festive opening of New Delhi Airport Metro Express

Complex Metro tunnel commissioned after 4 years of construction

Salzburg/New Delhi: "It was a historic moment when the first car with 2000 enthusiastic passengers rolled from the center of New Delhi to the airport," remarked Roman Esterbauer, member of the ALPINE construction company's management, delighted with the opening of the new Metro line. Delhi Airport Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) awarded the contract for the tendered project to a joint venture in September 2007, ALPINE Bau GmbH taking over the lead management. The 56.5-million-euro contract included the construction of a double-track tunnel between Talkatora Garden and Buddha Jayanti as well as the ramps and the entire ventilation system. "The planning and construction of the tunnel tube by the NATM (New Austrian Tunneling Method) was a big challenge. The work had to be provided under extremely difficult conditions at a depth of 35 to 45 meters since the project ran directly under New Delhi's major traffic arteries: the "Minto" railroad bridge, Connaught Square and Connaught Circle as well as two existing Metro lines whose service could not be disrupted during the 4-year construction period," added Esterbauer.

Airport Metro Express

The Airport Metro Express line in New Delhi is 23 kilometers long and has six stations, connecting the central station in New Delhi with the Indira Gandhi International Airport and the district of Dwarka. The commissioned line between the central train station and airport will provide a fast, comfortable connection to the airport while easing traffic congestion on the roads.

ALPINE's competence in tunnel construction

Its extensive competence in tunnel construction is the key to ALPINE's success in the construction of railroad, subway and road tunnels around the globe. ALPINE is currently involved in the construction of the Gotthard Base Tunnel in Switzerland, part of the new Metro network in Singapore and a water supply tunnel in China, the 25-km Pinglou Tunnel. In addition, ALPINE's subsidiary, BeMo Tunnelling, recently landed a contract to build two underground railroad stations in London under a consortium – currently the largest railroad project in England.



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