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## PRESS RELEASE

### Poland: Award for rehabilitation of the World Heritage Site "Hala Ludowa Hall"

**ALPINE wins "Construction Site of the Year 2009" prize in the rehabilitation category upon completion of the "Hall of the Century" in Breslau**

"We succeeded in demonstrating ALPINE's competence by rehabilitating the Hala Ludowa Hall, a tremendous technical/civil engineering challenge," says Dr. Peter Preindl, Managing Director of ALPINE Bau GmbH, elated at winning the prize for the "Hall of the Century Rehabilitation" in Breslau. Sponsored by the Polish Association of Construction Engineers and Technicians, ALPINE won the "Construction Site of the Year 2009" in the rehabilitation of monuments category (second class award). A total of six projects were submitted in this category, one winning a first class award. The historically significant hall, also visited by the late Pope Paul II, was rehabilitated in accordance with "World Heritage Site" standards.

"We are proud that this challenging project won such an important prize in the construction branch," adds the pleased site manager, Mikolajonek Maciej.

ALPINE garnered particular praise in a letter from Michael Berg, the son of Max Paul Eduard Berg, the Hall of the Century architect in Breslau, emphasizing: "I'm pleased that the hall was not only renovated as a monument but – with the modern technology installed – can be used as a multipurpose hall."

#### **The Hala Ludowa Hall**

Once called the Centennial Hall, the hall was renamed Hala Ludowa ("People's Hall") after World War II. The hall hosted the World Congress of Intellectuals for Peace in August 1948. With 6,000 seats and standing room for 20,000, the hall is an impressive pioneering work of 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture. The building paved the way for the use of reinforced concrete in the construction of large public buildings. The building's innovative design is responsible for the feeling of lightness and harmony emanating from the enormous dome. It was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2006. The cupola has a diameter of 65 meters and a height of 42 meters.

The Hall's reconstruction, ranging from the insulation of the roof to the rehabilitation of the concrete and windows, makes it the first seminal reinforced concrete building to shine in new splendor. Today it is used as a venue for movies, congresses and other events such as rock concerts, sports, theater and operas.

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Outside view of the Hall

Photo 2:

Outside view of the Hall with Mikolajonek Maciej

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