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## PRESS RELEASE

# ALPINE wins contract to build the 2.1 km Markovec Tunnel

**Construction to start in 2010 and to be completed in 32 months. Total contract value: 54 million euros.**

Slovenia/Austria: Following drawn-out negotiations, ALPINE and its Slovenian partner CPM (Cestno podjetje Maribor) landed the contract to build the Markovec Tunnel in Slovenia. "Although the contract was awarded months ago, the period for the negotiations and contract signing was protracted. Winning this contract is further impressive proof of ALPINE's competence in tunnel construction," says Karl Gruber, responsible managing director of ALPINE Bau GmbH, happy at securing a contract all the big construction companies competed for. The 2.1-kilometer tunnel will be built along the coastal motorway between Koper and Izola. The contract was awarded by the Slovenian motorway company, DARS. Construction for this prestigious project will start at the beginning of 2010. ALPINE and CPM will complete the tunnel project within a period of 32 months.

### **ALPINE's competence in tunnel construction**

Alpine's extensive competence in tunnel construction is demonstrated by a long list of successful projects for the construction of railroad and highway tunnels as well as water and energy management systems, not only throughout Austria, e.g. the Pfänder and Katchberg Tunnels, but around the globe.

On an international scale, ALPINE is involved, e.g. in the construction of the Gotthard Base Tunnel in Switzerland, the new subway network in New Dehli/India and the intake tunnel for India's Tapovan Power Plant. ALPINE recently succeeded in positioning itself in the prequalification for the challenging Crossrail Tunnel project in London as part of an international consortium. Further tunnel construction projects for power plants are located in Bulgaria and Turkey. ALPINE is expanding the metro network in Singapore and has gained a foothold in tunnel construction in China by building a water supply tunnel. Consulting for tunnel construction projects is being provided in the USA, Russia, Kazakhstan and Great Britain, offering know-how and planning expertise.

*The **ALPINE Group**, a member of the FCC Group, is a global player. With a sales volume of EUR 3.5 billion in 2008 and a staff of roughly 15,530, ALPINE is the second largest construction group in Austria.*

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