



PRESS STATEMENT

ALPINE signs contract on further construction of A1 in Poland

ALPINE now confirmed as best bidder. Objection has been rejected.

Salzburg/Warsaw: ALPINE returns to the construction site of the A1 in Poland. With its bid of approx. 139 million euro the Salzburg based construction group is the winning bidder. A competitor's objection has been turned down and on 1st October 2010 the contract between the principal GDDKiA (Directorate General for Federal Roads and Highways) and ALPINE is being signed.

"We are proud of this impressive demonstration of our competitiveness and now plan to proceed with completion without delay," says Roman Esterbauer, member of the ALPINE Management. ALPINE has been able to participate in the new call for tender since because of major technical and legal modifications ALPINE now considers the realisation of the project to be feasible. The dispute last year resulted from ALPINE's claims regarding construction delays occasioned by a non-constructible bridge, a fact that, however, was not accepted by the principal. The legal dispute resulting from the termination of the contract by the end of the year, however, will not affect the the continuation of the project.

The stretch of the A1 highway in Silesia to be completed has a total length of approx. 18.3 km including 32 bridges covering the segment between the Swierklany junction and the border crossing point with the Czech Republic and is to be completed within 18 months.

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The A1 will link Gdansk in the North of Poland with the Czech border in the South and will end near the Czech city of Ostrava. The stretch of 582 km is situated along European Route 75 and is part of Pan-European Tansport Corridor VI. At present construction is under way on the stretches between Grudziadz and Torun as well as between Katowice airport and Swierklany. The section between Gdansk and Nowe Marzy has already been opened to traffic.

ALPINE in Poland

In Poland ALPINE currently has more than 3000 employees and as such is an important employer.

The award of the contract for the construction of the chemistry faculty at Gdansk University in June 2010 is particularly prestigious. In the summer of 2010 ALPINE was commissioned to construct High Speed Road S5 with a total investment volume of 245 million euro. The road project stretches between Poznan and Wroclaw also including bypasses for the towns of „Bojanowo" and „Rawicz". Between 1997 and 2001 ALPINE already constructed Polish Highway A4 with a total length of 56 km.



In addition to its successful road construction activities in Poland the Group is also providing impressive proof of its competence in stadion construction by building three stadions for the European Soccer Championship 2012. In the field of historic reconstruction ALPINE won the „Construction Site of the Year 2009“ Award for its sanitation of the historically important Hala Ludowa Hall - „Centennial Hall“ in Wroclaw in the Restoration Category.

*The Austrian **ALPINE Group**, a company of the FCC Group, is a global player. A total construction volume of 3.4 billion euro in 2009 and approx. 15.235 employees make ALPINE Austria's second largest construction group.*

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