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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Beton- und Monierbau GmbH joins the ALPINE Group**

**ALPINE buys internationally active Innsbruck-based tunnel construction specialist. Cartel review under EU law completed and purchase approved.**

Salzburg: the ALPINE Group is to acquire Beton- und Monierbau GmbH, a company domiciled in Innsbruck, from Deilmann-Haniel International Mining and Tunneling GmbH, who will concentrate on its mining activities. With operations in Austria, Germany, England, Sweden and in the USA, Beton- und Monierbau GmbH specializes in underground construction and has a staff of 260. Its volume of construction was 103 million EUR in 2008. This acquisition will strengthen ALPINE's high competence in underground construction.

"The specialized company ideally fits in ALPINE's expansion strategy and will strengthen the expertise of our group of companies in the field of underground construction. The acquisition will produce a number of synergy effects. We have come to know and appreciate each other over the years through many joint ventures," remarks Dietmar Aluta-Oltyan, president of ALPINE Bau GmbH supervisory board, who not only welcomes the augmented expertise but also the increase in capacity. Large-scale national and international underground construction projects have gradually caused ALPINE to approach its limit in terms of capacity. The ALPINE Group will also operate in Great Britain and the USA with its new acquisition. The parties agreed not to disclose the purchase price.

#### **Leaders in underground construction**

Beton- und Monierbau GmbH in Innsbruck has been engaged in all fields of underground construction since 1964, including railroad and road tunnels as well as water and energy management systems. The projects currently implemented by the enterprise include the Kavernen Kraftwerk Kops II, Strenger Tunnel as well as the Katschbergtunnel, the Achrain Tunnel, various railroad tunnels in Germany, England, Sweden and in the USA and the enlargement of subway stations in Great Britain. Experts in underground construction, Beton- und Monierbau GmbH also provides consulting for tunnel construction projects in the USA, Russia, Kazakhstan and Great Britain, offering know-how and planning expertise.

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

ALPINE in collaboration with its new subsidiary, Beton- und Monierbau GmbH, is responsible for the construction of the second Pfänder Tunnel tube, being built since last year. The ALPINE team will drive the 6.5 km western tube with a tunnel boring machine (TBM). This mechanical driving method, successfully used in Switzerland for a number of years, is being used for the first time in Austria to enlarge a road tunnel. Further tunnel projects in progress in Austria include the Katschberg Tunnel, Lainz Tunnel and Tradenberg Tunnel. ALPINE just recently completed the Lainberg Tunnel. Its extensive competence in tunnel construction is the key to ALPINE's success in Austria and around the globe. Alpine has been part of the Gotthard Base Tunnel construction project in Switzerland since 2001. ALPINE is currently building part of the new metro network in New Delhi and an intake tunnel for the Tapovan power plant. Further tunnel construction projects for power plants are located in Bulgaria and Turkey. ALPINE is also expanding the metro network in Singapore and was able to gain a foothold in tunnel construction in China with the construction of a water supply system.

*The **ALPINE** Group, a member of the FCC Group, is a global player. With a sales volume of EUR 2.6 billion in 2007 and a staff of roughly 13,600, ALPINE is one of the three largest construction groups in Austria. More information: [www.alpine.at](http://www.alpine.at)*

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