



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ALPINE to build tunnels for the German Railway** **ALPINE awarded contract to build two railroad tunnels with a € 122 million contract value.**

Deutsche Bahn AG awarded the contract to build two railroad tunnels for nearly 122 million euros to the ALPINE Construction Group. Proud of winning this prestigious contract, Roman Esterbauer, managing director of ALPINE Bau GmbH announces, "These contracts underline our competence in tunnel construction."

#### **Baumleite Tunnel**

It will take approximately 3 years to build the 1,317 meter Baumleite Tunnel south of Erfurt between the communities of Theuern, Truckental and Grümpen. A 40-meter escape shaft will serve as an emergency exit. The contract value amounts to nearly 44 million euros. Construction is expected to be completed in August 2012. The tunnel is part of the new 107-km line between Ebensfeld and Erfurt comprising the upgraded Nuremberg-Berlin line. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2017.

Beton und Monierbau GmbH (BeMo), a fully-owned subsidiary of ALPINE Bau GmbH, will be responsible for the tunnel construction.

#### **New Kaiser Wilhelm Tunnel**

Constructed in 1877, the double-track Kaiser Wilhelm Tunnel needs to be adapted to meet new safety requirements. A joint venture comprised of ALPINE Untertagebau GmbH, ALPINE Bau Deutschland AG and FCC Construcción S.A. will build a new single-track tunnel tube for this purpose. The tunnel is located on railroad line 3100 between Koblenz and Perl. The tunnel will be 4,200 meters long. The new tunnel will be driven with a tunnel drill having a diameter of 10.12 m with single-shell tubing. The old tunnel tube will be rehabilitated and connected to the new tube by means of eight connecting structures having a length of 15 meters each. Construction of a second tunnel tube will keep the line open to traffic in the future. The contract value is approximately 80 million euros. Construction is scheduled to be completed in November 2011.

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

ALPINE not only demonstrated its extensive tunnel construction experience in Austria (e.g. Pfänder, Katschberg and Lainzer Tunnels) but around the globe. ALPINE has been involved in the construction of Switzerland's Gotthard Base Tunnel since 2001. ALPINE is building part of the new subway network in New Delhi, India and the intake tunnel for the Tapovan Power Plant. Further tunnel



construction projects for power plants are located in Bulgaria and Turkey. ALPINE is currently expanding the subway network in Singapore and, upon completion of the Yellow River Diversion Project, is building an underground water supply tunnel in China.

Upon acquiring Beton- und Monierbau GmbH (BeMo), operating successfully in the field of underground construction on an international scale in Innsbruck since 1964, the ALPINE Construction Group continued to enhance its impressive competence in underground construction. The expertise of Beton und Monierbau GmbH (BeMo) include railroad and road tunnels as well as plants for water and energy management. The company's construction projects include the Kops II Cavern, the Streng Tunnel, the Katschberg Tunnel and the Achrain Tunnel, numerous railroad tunnels in Germany, England, Sweden and the USA as well as the enlargement of subway stations in Great Britain. As a specialist in underground construction, Beton- und Monierbau GmbH (BeMo) also provides consulting services for tunnel construction projects in the USA, Russia, Kazakhstan and Great Britain, offering know-how, planning and expert opinions.

The company will continue to operate as ALPINE BeMo Tunnelling GmbH in the future.

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