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PRESS RELEASE

Construction of Europe's biggest power plant nearing completion.

The dam for Europe's biggest power plant is nearing completion. Casting the 500,000 cubic meters of concrete was reason enough for ALPINE to hold a celebration on the dam. Close to 200 people accepted the invitation from Peter Gfrerer, branch manager of ALPINE Bulgaria, to Devin near the Greek border. With a total height of 131 m and a width of 27 m, the double arched dam is a masterpiece of structural engineering. Construction is expected to be completed in December of this year.

Following Peter Gfrerer's welcoming address, Dietmar Aluta-Oltyan, chairman of the supervisory board and co-owner of ALPINE Bau GmbH, highlighted the outstanding services provided by the ALPINE team in Bulgaria. 1200 out of the 1300 employees working on the power plant are from Bulgaria. "We intend to continue to invest our know-how in power plant construction with this highly trained and experienced team," remarked Aluta-Oltyan, who is convinced his company has good chances of landing the next power plant projects.

Father Todor blessed the building structure following words of thanks for the outstanding collaboration by representatives of the client, NEK. Accompanied by radiant summer weather and culinary regional delicacies, the celebration lasted well into the night.

Sighted among the guests:

Lubomir **Velkov**, CEO, NEK

Ivan **Jeliaskov**, Vice President, NEK

Ivan **Atanasov**, Member of NEK's Board of Directors, and Supervisory Board Chairman of the National Highway Administration

Vladimir **Davidov**, Manager of NEK's Investment and Development Division

Michael **Angerer**, Austrian Trade Commissioner in Bulgaria

Stravko **Vassiliev**, Mayor of Devin

Werner **Watznauer**, Managing Director of ALPINE Holding GmbH

Christian **Schild**, Technical Project Manager of the Tsankov Kamak Power Plant

Dr. Peter **Preindl**, speaker of management board of ALPINE Bau GmbH

Mag. Karin **Keglevich**, company spokeswoman of ALPINE Bau GmbH

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