



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ALPINE's joint venture lands 123.9 million euro contract from Austrian Federal Railway**

**The joint venture expands the West Railway line to four tracks from Ybbs to Blindenmarkt under ALPINE's lead management, reducing a gap in the Trans-European railway network. Completion in the spring of 2015.**

Salzburg: The 11-km West Railway section from Ybbs to Blindenmarkt will be expanded to four tracks. The Austrian Federal Railway (ÖBB Infrastruktur Bau AG) awarded the challenging contract section to the joint venture under ALPINE's lead management. "Winning this contract underlines the competence of ALPINE in rail and tunnel construction," says Dr. Peter Preindl, managing director of ALPINE Bau GmbH. This key section of the West Railway is to be completed by May 2015.

#### **The West Railway and the Trans-European network (TEN)**

The West Railway, one of the major arteries in Austria, is just as important for European railroad traffic. As a Danube corridor, this section is especially important for the European Union's east-west thoroughfare. Expanding this highly frequented railroad line to four tracks will adapt the network's service capacity for passenger and cargo traffic to increased mobility. The expansion also aims to reduce travel times. Upon expansion of the entire line, the trip from Vienna to Salzburg should only take two hours.

The Trans-European Network is designed to bring the European economic area closer together by reducing travel times, providing a basis to boost competitiveness.

The expansion of the TEN 17 Trans-European network leading from Paris to Bratislava, comprising part of the awarded section, will be of great significance.

#### **Ybbs-Amstetten**

Part of the West Railway has already been expanded to four tracks. Closing the gap between Ybbs and Amstetten will therefore be an important step. This section will be expanded in two stages. ÖBB Infrastruktur Bau AG awarded the contract section from Ybbs to Blindenmarkt as the first stage. Expansion of the section by two new tracks will allow the maximum speed to be increased from 160 KPH to as much as 250 KPH. Afterwards the existing tracks will be replaced and adapted to the needs of the high performance line.



The project includes the construction of numerous bridges and tunnels as well as the expansion of the rural road network. The Neumarkt station will be built at a new location. The construction services will be rounded off by a new pedestrian tunnel, Park & Ride terminal and an island platform.

The joint venture will also construct 1.7 km of the 2.2-km Burgstaller Tunnel. Construction will be by the lid construction or cut and cover method. Installation of the prefabricated foundation piles will be followed by the roof, excavation, floor slab and inner shell in accordance with the "white tank" specifications. A temporary track will be provided to keep railroad traffic moving smoothly. 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> of noise protection will be provided for abutting residents.

Roughly 170,000 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete and 18,000 tons of construction steel will be installed and 800,000 m<sup>3</sup> of earth moved in the contract section.

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