



Press release

Guyancourt, 7 September 2004

On 9 August 2004, Transroute International (a subsidiary of Groupe Egis) successfully took over the operation of an existing 40 km toll motorway (Zagreb-Macelj) in Croatia

On 29 June 2004, **Trans-Ceste** (a 100 % Croatian subsidiary of **Transroute International**) signed with the concession company Autocesta Zagreb-Macelj the contract for the operation and maintenance contract of this 60 km long motorway for the 28 years concession period.

On 29 July 2004, the concession company, hold 51% by the German and Austrian construction groups Walter Bau and Strabag and 49% by the Croatian Republic, set up all financings (€370 m) necessary for to the modernisation, widening and extension of this motorway dedicated to link Zagreb with the Slovenian border (Macelj) and beyond to the whole European motorway network.

Transroute International succeeded in taking over, in a very short period, a large part of the existing staff (56 people previously employed by the Croatian public entity HAC). Transroute International set up a new organisation for this operation, a new management and more efficient methods and procedures.

The transfer of responsibility took place during the night between 8 and 9 August 2004, a period of summer traffic particularly dense exceeding 30 000 vehicles/day in the week ends.

The role of the operating company **Trans-Ceste** includes toll collection, security and traffic management (in particular 24h/24 patrols along the motorway), routine maintenance of the infrastructure and its equipment.

Trans-Ceste, which operates the existing 40 km, will extend its activity in 3 years on the following 20 km with 18 structures including 6 tunnels for a total length of 3.5 km and 8 viaducts that the concessionaire will deliver construction completion.

This Croatian motorway extends the whole current network of **Transroute International** which now operates more than 900 km, with its operation subsidiaries in France, United Kingdom, Portugal, Poland, Greece, Australia, the Philippines and Korea.

***Transroute International**, which manages operation companies totalising a turnover of €80 m in 2003, is a major actor in operation and maintenance of large projects. The operation and maintenance of such infrastructures include : toll collection, security and traffic management, routine maintenance of the road and its structures, the installations and various equipment, winter maintenance and assistance to the concessionaire (or to the authority) for commercial and tariff policy, heavy repairs, improvement and extension of the infrastructure. All operation and maintenance*



tasks are performed by a specific operation company created especially for the project according to the laws of the country incorporated by Transroute International which provided it with all the necessary technical assistance.

Contact in France:

Sandrine FELAPPI

Business and Marketing Department

Egis Projects & Transroute International

11 avenue du Centre

78286 Guyancourt cedex

France

Tel: +33.1.30.48.43.33

Fax: +33.1.30.48.48.91

E-mail: s.felappi@egisprojects.com

Website: www.groupegis.com

Contact in Croatia:

Henri SKIBA

Managing Direction of the Operating Company

Trans-Ceste

Mokrice 182

49243 Oroslavje

Croatia

Tel: +385.49.587.457

Fax: +385.49.587.460

E-mail: h.skiba@trans-cesta.hr

Website: www.groupegis.com