



Egis Projects, a shareholder of the concession company Bonaventura, announced today that it has won the contract to design, build, finance and operate Austrian first PPP motorway project

The concession company Bonaventura has been awarded the contract to design, build, finance and operate the first section of Vienna's north-eastern bypass. The client for the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contract is ASFiNAG, the Austrian Autobahnen- und Schnellstraßen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft. HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions and the Austrian company Alpine Mayreder Bau GmbH each hold a 44.4 per cent stake in the concession company, with Egis Projects holding the remaining 11.2 per cent. HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions is the lead company. HOCHTIEF Construction AG is responsible for 50% of the construction work together with Alpine for the other 50%. The motorway will be operated for a period of 30 years by a special purpose operating company established under the leadership of Egis Projects (50%) together with HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions and Alpine with 25% each.

The project amounts to approximately EUR 945 million and will be fully privately financed. Payments will be made by ASFiNAG and consist of quality-dependent availability payments and traffic-dependent shadow toll payments. In addition, ASFiNAG will make direct payments for works which will be directly transferred to municipalities and "Länder" (States).

Construction works on the 51-kilometre section include the first section of the A5 motorway between Eibesbrunn and Schrick from Vienna towards Czech Republic and the north-eastern ring road around Vienna (S1 and S2 expressways).

This is the first PPP motorway project in Austria.

In autumn 2004, Bonaventura submitted a successful prequalification application to ASFiNAG for the project. Altogether five consortiums were selected for the initial bids. Three bidders were admitted to a negotiation procedure which was completed in early 2006. The final bids were submitted to ASFiNAG on 31 May 2006 and Bonaventura was selected as preferred bidder in September 2006.

Egis is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, with €375 million of output in 2005 and 3800 employees worldwide. It is one of the world's leading companies in transport infrastructure engineering, providing full service solutions comprising engineering, project development and operation of motorway concessions. At present, its 13 operating companies (8 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia) have 900 km of motorways under contract,

800 km of which are already in operation With this motorway network, Egis has become one of the leading international operator of motorways.

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