



Transroute International opens the Dublin Port Tunnel to traffic

The Dublin Port Tunnel is now opened to traffic for all vehicles since 28th January 2007. Transroute International, a subsidiary of Groupe Egis, is in charge of all operating services, including toll collection. The tunnel opened to Heavy Goods Vehicles (“HGV”) traffic on 20th of December 2006, in the presence of the Irish Prime Minister (An “Taoiseach”, Mr Bertie Ahern).

The Dublin Port Tunnel provides a direct link between the M1 Dublin-Belfast Motorway and the Dublin Port. The primary aim of the Dublin Port Tunnel is to ease traffic flow to and from the Dublin Port and to reduce the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using surface streets in the historic centre of Dublin. The Dublin Port Tunnel will also generate other benefits for Dublin City such as a continued development of the Dublin Port and the improvement of the City centre environment. The tunnel is used by 6,000 HGVs and 2,000 light vehicles per day. The traffic is continually increasing since 28th January.

The Dublin Port Tunnel is a flagship project in Ireland’s National Development Plan. The tunnel is a 4.5 km twin tube tunnel. Each tunnel is equipped with emergency facilities such as access ways between tunnel tubes, lay-bys, emergency phone network, CCTV and other services. All services are provided by Transroute Tunnel Operations (a 100% subsidiary of Transroute International) with an operation building positioned at the southern end of the tunnel.

The service contract has been awarded to Transroute International by the Irish National Roads Authority (NRA) for an initial period of 5 years with a possible 2 years extension. The total contract amount is €15 million. It is the first public contract for road infrastructure operations awarded to the private sector in Ireland.





The service contract comprises two phases: pre-operational and operational phases. By operating the Dublin Port Tunnel, Transroute delivers the following services:

- traffic and safety management, in co-ordination with emergency services and other relevant authorities,
- collection of tolls on the Dublin Port Tunnel toll plaza, including the management of ten lanes with a combination of manual payment, automatic coin machines and electronic toll collection (ETC),
- operation and routine maintenance (including inspections) of the Dublin Port Tunnel and associated facilities,
- updating of the operation and maintenance procedures of the Dublin Port Tunnel,...

Together with Transroute International, other Group Egis companies have also been involved in the delivery of the project:

- ISIS has carried out traffic studies and ITS audits before opening,
- Scetauroute (Tunnel Department) contributed with its expertise for the commissioning of the infrastructure,
- eTrip, subsidiary of Egis Projects, is a subcontractor of TTO for the marketing and management of electronic payment tags.

For the last 2 years, Egis Projects and its subsidiary Transroute International have become toll reference actors in Ireland and have among others provided the National Roads Authority with a central system that enables interoperability between the various electronic toll collection systems in Ireland.

Transroute International, a subsidiary of Groupe Egis, is highly specialized in the operation and maintenance of motorways and tunnels. The company is already present through its subsidiaries in Europe (Austria, Croatia, France, Greece, Poland, Portugal and the UK) and outside Europe (Australia, Canada, Korea and the Philippines). This new success enables Transroute International to strengthen its global leadership in the field of motorway operation and maintenance worldwide.

Groupe Egis is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, with €375 million revenue 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, major project development and the operation of motorway concessions. At the end of 2006, its 13 operating companies (8 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia) had nearly 1000 km of motorways under contract of which 800 km are currently in service. With such a motorway network, Egis is one of the leading French motorway operator outside France.

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