



Press release

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Egis Projects inaugurates the M6 Phase III Motorway, one of the largest infrastructure deals in Hungary

On November 5, the French company, Egis Projects, takes part, in the presence of the Technical Secretary of the State, Dr. Lajos Csepi, at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the M6 Phase III Motorway (Dunaújváros to Szekszárd).

The M6 Phase III Motorway

This project is a 30-year concession awarded by the Republic of Hungary under a DBFMO (design, build, finance, maintain and operate) contract.

It comprises a 65.1 km Motorway section with dual carriageway (2 x 2 traffic lanes) between Dunaújváros and Szekszárd, in the South of Budapest. 8 traffic junctions will be built to ensure connection to the national public roads. 58 bridges will be built, out of which 6 viaducts between 160 and 632 meters long. Two simple rest areas will be built at Dunaföldvár and at Dunaszentgyörgy together with connections to two complex rest areas at Paks and at Fácánkert and an Operation and Maintenance Centre.

The contract value is EUR 520 million, one of the largest infrastructure deals in Hungary.

Project development and operation

Tender procedure regarding the M6 phase III motorway concession contract started in January 2008 and the concession company M6 Tolna AUTÓPÁLYA KONCESSZIÓS ZRT including **Egis Projects** (10%), Bilfinger Berger (45%) and Porr Solutions (45%) was declared Preferred Bidder on 17 June 2008.

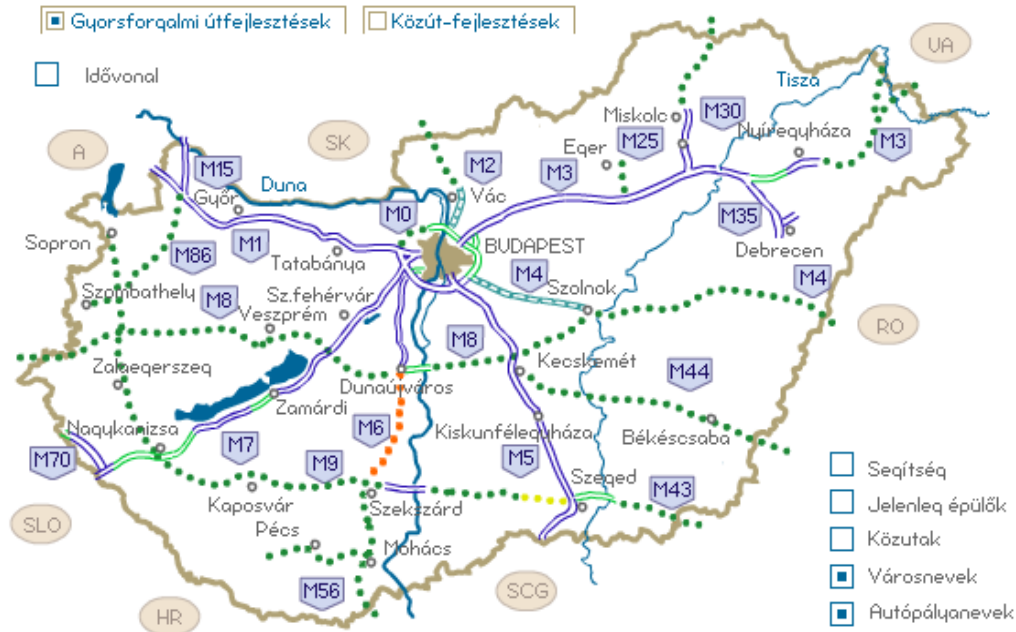
The concession company M6 Tolna AUTÓPÁLYA KONCESSZIÓS ZRT reached financial close on 16 July 2008.

BayernLB, Caja Madrid, Commerzbank, DekaBank, Depfa Bank, DZ BANK, Erste Bank, MKB Bank, Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberoesterreich, SMBC are the banks participating in the EUR 463 million Senior Debt facilities for the financing of this M6 III motorway Public Private Partnership (PPP) project. On 31 July 2008, a part of the project was refinanced with a facility from the European Investment Bank (EIB).

Egis Road Operation, a 100% Egis Projects subsidiary, will operate and maintain the M6 phase III motorway through a 52% participation in a special purpose company, M6 Tolna üzemeltető kft, together with Bilfinger Berger Infrastructure Services (16%), Porr Solutions (16%) and Asfinag (16%).

Construction works started just after closing date in July 2008 and the taking over of the operation and maintenance is expected for April 2010.

The successful completion of this project in Hungary is a further proof of Egis' capacity to export its know how all over the world and develop projects under Public Private Partnerships (PPP). In November 2008, its 16 operating companies (10 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia, 1 in Americas) have nearly 1100 km of highways under contract, 960 km of which are already in service.



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