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Egis Projects becomes market leader in Electronic Toll Collection in Ireland

Over the course of the past few years, Egis Projects has been the driving force behind **Easytrip Services** – a concept that links electronic toll collection (ETC) with the provision of other value-added services to drivers (parking access, traffic information, road pricing, etc). The first launch of these services was in Ireland in 2007 under the ‘eTrip’ Services Ireland banner and in association with ElectroAutomation.

Created in 1998 by the Irish group National Toll Roads Ltd, EazyPass was a pioneer in electronic toll collection systems in Ireland. The first tags were distributed in 2001, enabling the payment of toll fares on Dublin West Link and East Link motorways. Since mid-2005, EazyPass has been accepted on all toll plazas with ETC lanes in Ireland using the Information Exchange Agent interoperability system that was launched by the National Roads Authority in 2004. Egis Projects has developed and implemented this system which it currently also operates on behalf of the National Roads Authority.

On 20 June 2008, **Egis Projects completed the acquisition of EazyPass Ltd via Easytrip Services Ireland** – a company acting under the name “eTrip” and jointly owned by Egis Projects and its local partner ElectroAutomation. As well as providing electronic toll collection services, eTrip has developed an urban car park payment system allowing its customers to pay electronically for their **parking services** in over 15 car parks in all major Irish cities Dublin, Cork, Limerick and even Belfast.

Easytrip Services Ireland has now over 180,000 tags in circulation. These tags are interoperable across all toll roads in Ireland. Over 50,000 were issued during the months leading up to the August 2008 launch of the free-flow services on the M50 Dublin ring road. In the last quarter of 2008, more than 50% of all transactions on the M50 were attached to Easytrip tags (eTrip and EazyPass).

The on-going merger of EazyPass with eTrip under the banner of Easytrip Services Ireland enables Egis Projects to establish itself in ETC services and other associated value-added services. In particular, the combined offer of eTrip and EazyPass constitutes one of the first independent distributors of ETC tags on the European road network following recommendations from the European Directive on infrastructure payment (European Electronic Toll Service or **EETS concept**).

Besides developing Easytrip as a business in its own right, such as in Ireland and in the Philippines, Egis Projects also participates in a number of related projects. These include heavy vehicle tolling tenders in Europe, Open Road Tolling tenders in Australia, Europe, North America and South Africa, and on-going projects such as the Golden Ears Bridge free-flow tolling in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Egis Projects is the subsidiary of Egis which develops BOT/PPP projects, operates transport infrastructures, through its subsidiary Egis Road Operation (formerly Transroute International), integrates operating systems and provides value-added services to road users. It is one of the world leaders in toll motorway concession and operation: it has closed 18 projects for a total value of €10 billion and its 16 operating companies (10 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia, 1 in the Americas) have 1100 km of motorways under contract, 960 km of which are already in operation with 2900 employees performing all operation and maintenance tasks. Egis Projects' most recent successes include the design, build, finance and operation of the M6 motorway in Hungary, the A88 Caen-Sees motorway in France, the M25 motorway in UK, Austria's first PPP motorway project, the supply and operation of the ETC freeflow system of the Golden Ears Bridge in Vancouver, Canada, and the operation and maintenance of the Dublin Port Tunnel in Ireland.

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