



Press release

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Opening of the A88 Motorway

Dominique Bussereau, Secretary of French State for Transport, and Joël Rousseau, President of Alicorne (the concession company) officially inaugurated on last Thursday, August 26th, the A88 motorway between Falaise and Sées, on the Caen-Le Mans axis.

With 45 km dual carriageway and 7 interchanges, the A88 motorway section from Falaise Ouest to Sées is the last link connecting Caen to Alençon and more widely the region of Lower Normandy with France central and southern motorway network.

This 55-year concession includes the operation of an existing 15 km motorway section from Argentan Sud to Sées and the financing, design, construction and operation of a 30 km section from Falaise Ouest (south of Caen) to Argentan Sud.

On 26 January 2008, the A88 concession contract has been awarded by the French Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development to Alicorne, a consortium of companies including Egis Projects, two infrastructure funds CDC Infrastructure and AXA Investment Managers and five contractors NGE, Spie Batignolles, Malet, Demathieu & Bard and Valerian.

€270 million have been invested in the project and the financial package was based on a 35-year long-term loan without any required public subsidy.

Construction works began in October 2008, with the motorway scheduled to open in October 2010. The motorway entered into service on 27th August 2010, two months ahead of the initial timetable.

Significant measures have been taken to preserve the environment and landscape through which the motorway passes. The impact on natural habitat, particularly in the Orne valley, has been limited thanks to the careful routing of the motorway as well as the specific structures and several hydraulic facilities built for the local natural habitat. A large portion of site materials allows for a limit of energy consumption and helps to preserve natural resources.

Egis brought all its expertise on this project:

- Project development and participation in the shareholding of Alicorne (Egis Projects),
- Equipment supply and delivery contract (Egis Projects),

- Operation and maintenance of the motorway (Egis Road Operation, which already operates the A28 Rouen-Alençon motorway through its subsidiary Routalis),
- Design and engineering of the motorway (Egis Route and Egis Structures & Environnement),
- Traffic studies and operating equipment design (Egis Mobilité).



About Egis

Branch of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, Egis is an engineering and consulting group specialised in the construction of transport infrastructures and systems, urban development, water and the environment. Egis is also involved in project development and road and airport operation.

With a workforce of 8,400 worldwide and a turnover of €563m in 2009, it is active in more than 100 countries and has some 50 entities in France.

In 2009, Egis announced the creation of an alliance with Iosis, specialised in building and industrial civil engineering, to launch a new global engineering offer to their French and international clients. Both groups form now the French leader in construction engineering.

The alliance between the two groups results in the deployment of a joint industrial and commercial strategy. It is underpinned by Egis' acquisition of a 34% stake in the capital of Iosis Holding.

The combined turnover reached of €724m in 2009.

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