



## Press release

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### **Inauguration of the deck of the Orne viaduct on the A88 Motorway**

**Egis, a shareholder of Alicorne, is responsible for the operation of the A88 Motorway and for the design and engineering of the operating equipment of the motorway section from Falaise Ouest to Sées**

**The official inauguration of the deck of the Orne viaduct will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, in the presence of Augustin de Romanet, Chief Executive Officer of Caisse des Dépôts, Joël Rousseau, President of Alicorne (concession company), Christian Leyrit, Prefect of the Lower Normandy and Calvados, Laurent Beauvais, President of the Lower Normandy regional Council, Alain Lambert, Senator, President of the Orne regional Council, Anne d'Ornano, President of the Calvados regional Council.**

The A88 motorway section from Falaise Ouest to Sées is the last link connecting Caen to Alençon with a dual carriageway motorway and more widely the region of Lower Normandy with France's central and southern motorway network.

On 26 January 2008, the A88 concession contract has been awarded by the French Ministry for Environment and Sustainable Development to Alicorne. This consortium of companies includes Egis Projects, Caisse des Dépôts, NGE (consortium representative), Spie Batignolles, Malet, Demathieu & Bard, Valerian et AXA Investment Managers.

This 55-year concession includes operation of the 15 km motorway section from Argentan Sud to Sées, recently constructed by NGE (formerly Guintoli), as well as financing, design, construction and operation of an additional 30 km section from Falaise Ouest south of Caen to Argentan Sud. Construction will take 26 months and this section should therefore open before end 2010.

#### **Egis brings its expertise on this project:**

- Project development, in association with the construction firms 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 section through its subsidiary Routalis),
- Design and engineering of the motorway (Egis Route and Egis Structures & Environnement),

- Traffic studies and engineering of the operating equipment (Egis Mobilité).



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