



Press release

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Egis Road Operation, the leading European Independent Road Operator and Service Provider

Egis Road Operation has confirmed its position as the leading European independent road operator and service provider thanks to its recent acquisitions and awarded projects in various countries (France, Ireland, India and Australia).

Egis Road Operation has acquired a majority interest (67%) in 3 Irish toll motorway operation companies:

- NorthLink (operator of the M1 Dundalk Bypass - 56 km long);
- MidLink (operator of the M7 / M8 Portlaoise - 43 km long);
- SouthLink (operator of the N25 Waterford Bypass - 23 km long).

Egis Road Operation has also recently been awarded 3 motorway operation contracts:

- the A63 motorway in France, a 105 km long toll motorway;
- the Brisbane Northern Link in Australia, a 7 km long urban expressway with 2 major tunnels ;
- the Delhi-Gurgaon highway in India, a 27 km long toll highway.

With these acquisitions and successes, Egis Road Operation now has 27 motorways under contract in 15 different countries, totalling 1,840 km. This makes Egis the largest independent road operator, with a highly diversified experience in terms of type of infrastructures (urban, interurban, tunnels, viaducts,...), type of tolling systems (electronic, freeflow, automatic, manual), contractual framework (real toll, shadow toll, availability payment, DBOM, service contract) and local environment

Egis Road Operation operates these stretches of infrastructure with a total staff in excess of 5,250, including a large number of experts in the various fields of road operation and maintenance. Thanks to its know-how and resources, Egis Road Operation is capable of offering the highest operating standards for any type of infrastructure worldwide.

In Ireland:

Egis Road Operation has bought from National Toll Roads Limited (NTRL), a subsidiary of NTR, the international renewable energy group, 67% stakes in three Irish toll motorway operating companies and a 100% stake in “central services platform” (First Route). This platform provides technical and management services to the three operating companies as well as to a concession company Eastlink.

The portfolio includes NTRL’s shareholding in North-Link (Dundalk), South-Link (Waterford) and Mid-Link (Portlaoise):

- The M1 Dundalk bypass was opened in April 2004. It comprises a 56 km dual carriageway section (2 x 2 traffic lanes), one 350m viaduct (Boyne River Bridge) and an open system with two toll plazas.
- The N25 Waterford bypass was opened in October 2009. It comprises a 23 km dual carriageway section (2 x 2 traffic lanes), one 475m viaduct (River Suir Bridge), 17 structures, 4 interchanges and an open system with one toll plaza,
- The M7/M8 Portlaoise section was opened in June 2010. It comprises a 43 km dual carriageway section (2 x 2 traffic lanes), 4 interchanges and an open system with one toll plaza.

Rik Joosten, Chief Executive Officer of Egis Road Operation commented: “This transaction consolidates Egis’ position as the leading European independent road operator and service provider. By adding the NTRL’s operation and maintenance division to its already significant presence in Ireland, Egis is now able to deliver a comprehensive and competitive service to the Irish road users.”

This acquisition is an addition to the significant activities of Egis in Ireland already had. Egis is a shareholder of Easytrip, which supplies electronic tags for toll road schemes and car parks in Ireland, and has a 100% stake in the company that operates the Dublin Port Tunnel toll road. It also operates the Information Exchange Agent, a clearing house for all Irish toll road schemes, and is the co-leader of Go Safe the consortium that operates a network of speed cameras in the Irish Republic.

In Australia: The Brisbane Northern Link

In September 2010, the Brisbane City Council awarded the contract for designing, building, operating and maintaining the Northern Link tunnel project in Brisbane (Queensland, Australia) to the Transcity consortium, comprising Acciona Infraestructuras S.A. of Spain, BMD Constructions Pty Ltd. of Australia and Ghella S.p.A. of Italy. Egis Road Operation (via its local subsidiary Transroute Australia) is Transcity nominated subcontractor for the complete operation and maintenance of the Northernlink.

The Brisbane Northern Link Project is an approximately 7 km long urban expressway including two tunnels (one in each direction, respectively 4.6 km and 4.9 km long) connecting the Western Freeway with the Inner City Bypass. The road and tunnel operations will start following the completion of the 47 month construction period beginning in December 2010. The total duration of the operating and maintenance period is 10 years.

In France: The A63 Motorway

The “Atlantes” consortium, led by Colas (Bouygues Group) and comprising Egis, NGE, Spie Batignolles, HSBC and DIF (Dutch Infrastructure Fund), has signed with the French State the concession contract for the A63 Motorway, between Salles (Gironde) and Saint-Geours-de-Maremne (Landes) in France. Financial close was reached on 21 January 2011.

This 40-year contract involves design, upgrading, widening, putting in place of a toll system, financing, operation and maintenance of a 105 km long motorway section. The existing RN10 national road will be upgraded to motorway standards (taking into account latest environmental requirements) and widened to 2x3 lanes with the aim of improving user safety and level of service. Works will begin in 2011 and are scheduled to be fully completed by 2014 when tolling of the road will start.

Egis Road Operation, through its fully owned subsidiary Egis Exploitation Aquitaine, will operate and maintain the motorway from May 2011 over the 40 year concession period and will take on the Government employees who currently work on the section. Egis will also be a 8.34% shareholder of the Atlantes concession company and will be fully responsible for the turnkey supply and installation of all fixed operating equipment.

In India: The Delhi-Gurgaon highway

Egis Road Operation and DSC Limited, a leading vertically integrated infrastructure group with multi-sectorial presence in India, have entered into a joint venture, setting-up an O&M (Operation & Maintenance) company called Egis Infra Management India that will provide the complete operation and maintenance range of services for road and other infrastructure projects in India.

Egis Infra Management India objective is to operate highways across India for any private and public sector client, with a blend of international and local professionals to usher in world class practices best suited to deliver on local commuting conditions. Egis Infra Management India aims at setting new high quality standards and practices in Indian infrastructure operations. The first contract of Egis Infra Management India is the prestigious Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway with the largest toll plaza in India within a 5 year performance based operation contract with the concessionaire of the motorway DGSCCL.

The Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway is a 28 km long 6 to 8 lanes toll expressway connecting Delhi, the national capital of India, and Gurgaon, the fast growing modern satellite city of Delhi, with an average daily traffic of 180,000 vehicles. The expressway is a part of the Golden Quadrilateral project, within the National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which aims at improving road connectivity between the four major metropolitan cities of India, namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata by developing 4–6 lane highways between them.

This expressway was opened on January 23, 2008. It has helped reducing the travel time of hundreds of thousands of commuters and international passengers between Delhi airport and Gurgaon business centres. There are two overbridges along the entire stretch to cater to the communities living on either side of heavily populated areas through which the expressway runs. This Delhi Gurgaon Expressway records approx. 300,000 toll transactions per day and over 85,000 Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) tags in circulation.

Egis Infra Management India took over activities including transfer of more than 600 staff in December 2010.

Over the last 15 years, Egis Road Operation has gained unrivalled expertise as international motorway and tunnel operator. Currently, the company has 1,840 km of motorways under contract in Europe, India, the Philippines and Australia. Recent successes and acquisitions enable Egis to strengthen its global leadership in the field of motorway operation and maintenance worldwide.

About Egis

Egis: a major group with great ambitions

Branch of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, Egis is an engineering and consulting group specialised in the construction for transport, local and territorial development, industry, water, energy and environmental projects. Egis is also active in project development as well as road and airport operation.

On January 1st 2011, Egis and Iosis – leading company in building engineering and nuclear civil engineering – have given birth to a single new construction engineering group based on a unique shareholding structure. This new group is the only French construction engineering player listed among the top 10 ten European and the top 20 international groups.

With a workforce of 11,000 worldwide, including 6,700 engineers, and a turnover of €800 m planned in 2010 (with 50% for international markets), the new group is active in more than 100 countries and has some 50 entities in France.

Egis will provide services to meet both local and international needs in urban development from buildings to transport systems: hospitals, stadiums, museums, railway stations, airports, tram lines. It will be a recognised player in the international arena for wide-scale transport and civil engineering projects such as high-speed train lines, motorways, sea terminal, and nuclear civil engineering. The group will offer the best expertise on multiple activities such as water, environment or landscape and cityscape management.

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