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Alpine may regain motorway contract

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16. 7. 2010. The Polish General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways GDDKiA has a real problem. The lowest price on completion of the A1 motorway from Gorzyczek to Świerklany comes from the company Alpine Bau, which was recently expelled from the building site for being to slowly. On the 16th of July 2010 GDDKiA opened all seven bids from companies willing to complete the construction of 18.3 km from the A1 motorway Świerklany to the Slovakian border in Gorzyczki. Among these are all major construction companies operating in the road building market, including Polimex-Mostostal, Eurovia and Strabag. It turned out that Alpine Bau proposed the lowest price – PLN 555 million. The same, which half a year ago was thrown from the building site by GDDKiA. The difference is huge, because the consortium of Dragados and Enterprise Engineering Works Pol-Aqua, which has made the most expensive bid, suggested that this segment will cost PLN 847 million. GDDKiA has three weeks to check the offer. Then the winner will be chosen as the main criterion will be price and completion date (all companies have proposed 18 months). Does this mean that the favourite is a company which wanted to get rid of? The highway from the Gorzyczek to Świerklany became famous in mass media when in December 2009 GDDKiA overnight broke the contract with Alpine Bau. GDDKiA concluded then that the work is moving too slowly, and the company is unable to meet its obligations. Instead of 80 percent of the planned work it was done only 50 percent. Alpine was arguing that GDDKiA poorly had prepared the project. Apart from this there were duds from World War II and mistakes in the project planing of bridge MA-532. The winner of the new tender should move to the construction side in autumn 2010 and finish the A1 stretch before Euro 2012. (Gazeta Wyborcza Katowice) Alpine Bau CEO Peter Preindl said: „In a trial with GDDKiA we argued that the delays in construction are resultant from mistakes in the project documentation and from a lack of cooperation from GDDKiA. We received some of the project with yearly delays.“ The Polish roads authority intends to sue Alpine Bau for the sum of EUR40 million in another trial on July 19. (Puls Biznesu, June 17, 2010, p. 9)

Energomontaż-Południe confirms Chinese partner

20. 7. 2010. For days now, there were rumours circulating around the energy sector that Poland's Energomontaż-Południe has scored a Chinese partner as it tries to secure a deal to build a new power unit at Enea's Elektrownia Kozienice. On July 19th, Energomontaż president Andrzej Hołda confirmed those rumours. Energomontaż won't be making the offer alone. It will be accompanied by China Dongfang Electric Corporation. A total of nine consortia made an offer for the project, which is estimated to be wroth some Euro 1.29 billion. (Parkiet, 20. 7. 2010, p. 5)

Polimex-Mostostal has a portfolio of orders of PLN 10 billion

17. 7. 2010. During summer 2010 the value of contracts executed by Polimex-Mostostal may exceed PLN 10 billion. Nowbody of its competitors in the Polish building industry has more. It has the greatest chance to build the A4 motorway from Rzeszów to Jaroslaw. With the Slovak company Doprastav it would collect half of the PLN 1.8 billion net for these 41 km. This is the lowest bid in the tender run by Rzeszów branch of the General Directorate for National Roads and Motorways (GDDKiA), and another section of the highway, which Polimex-Mostostal may prove to be unbeatable. It has already built a part of the A4 route to the Brest Szarów (23 km). In the near future it is likely to sign new contracts. The offers of Polimex-Mostostal were considered the best in the following construction tenders: the road S-69 for PLN 788 million, two parts of railway lines for PLN 1 billion (realized by its subsidiary Torpol) and the construction of the stadium in Gliwice for PLN 54 million. „These contracts should be signed soon. After considering the tenders for the construction of the A4 motorway we expect that our portfolio of contracts will increase to over PLN 10 billions, "says Konrad Jaskóła, President of Polimex-Mostostal. The management of the company is trying to look for savings. In early June it announced the the acquisition of seven companies of the group operating in the chemical industry and energy sector and incorporating them into the organizational structure of the parent company. These merging companies are, among others, Energomontaz-North and Naftobudowa. The first is already collecting orders for the construction of Finnish nuclear power plant in Olkiliuoto. Experience may be worth gold, when Poland will start building it first nuclear power plant, worth up to Euro 20 billion. Polimex-Mostostal from the town Siedlce belongs to the giants of the construction and assembly market. The largest of them remain in the hands of Spanish companies. (parkiet.com)

For a Siesta one doesn’t need new law

17. 7. 2010 According to the President of the Polish Governmental Workplace Safety Inspection (PIP), Tadeusz Zając, the employer during heat wave has the right to change working hours (without cutting wages). He could ask the workers to start f. e. two hours earlier at 7 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. or establish a siesta of two hours (which are not calculated as working time). City councils from Opole and Wrocław work now from 7 till 3 until the weeks of heatwave are over. At the National Stadium in Warsaw the first shift works now from 4 a.m. till noon and the next shift begins not until the top temperature of the day is over. During the last days 90 per cent of requests received by the PIP where about duties of employers during the heat wave. „We cannot force employers to change working hours or to install air condition. Only if there is an air condition the employer has to guarantee it is serviced regularly. We check this during our controls,“ says Agata Kostyk-Lewandowska from PIP in Wroclaw. In the PIP branch of Katowice a coordinator for heat wave matters was appointed. And on the PIP’s website one can find information about regulations about

working places with hight temperature. If an employee feels it gets to hot and he starts feeling not well, he might leave the workplace for the good of his health. The lawyer Arkadiusz Sobczyk recommends to the employer to debate changes of working hours with the staff or its representatives. As long as both sides agree, new regulations could even contradict to the law. (Rzeczpospolita 17. 7. 2010 p. C1)

Biedronka is a new sponsor of the Polish Football Association

29. 6. 2010. Poland's largest retail chain Biedronka today signed a sponsorship contract with the Polish Football Association PZPN. In 2009 Biedronka hat 10 percent market share. Its owner Jeronimo Martins Dystrybucja (owned by Jerónimo Martins from Portugal) provides 1500 supermarkets in Poland. Biedronka‘s goal for 2010 is 11.5 percent market share. Biedronka’s contract with the PZPN is valid until August 2014. According to unofficial information it is about PLN 2 million per year. For that amount of Biedronka logo will not appear on the track suits the players next to brands such as Orange and Nike, but it will be for the bands of advertising around the pitch during matches Poles or press conferences. In addition Biedronka has the right to the title "official sponsor of the Polish national team (the principal is now Orange) and "sponsor of the Polish Cup". The network will also have the rights to the image of players. According to Tomasz Cieslik from the firm Sportfive (which acts as agent for the sponsorship contracts of PZPN) the coming "Euro 2012" helped the PZPN a lot to find sponsors. Many of the old contracts end in July 31st. Some firms expressed their desire to extend them for another four years such as the brewer Kompania Piwowarska, Bank Zachodni WBK and Hoermann. The paint producer Śnieżka has just signed a contract with PZPN. Because of the Euro 2012 the sponsors are ready to pay 20 till 30 % more, because they will reach more potential clients. It is estimated that the Football Association under the sponsorship contracts can earn more than PLN 15 million in 2011. In 2009 the administration of the Polish Football Association has spent PLN 18 million. (Dziennik Gazeta Prawna 29. 6. 2010)

Wroclaw stadium obtains financing from banks

16. 6. 2010. BRE Bank, ING Bank Slaski and Nordea will provide credits to fund the construction of Wroclaw's new stadium for the Euro 2012 soccer tournament. The banks were selected on June 15th, 2010, and will provide credits up to a maximum PLN 500 million. The winning banks beat a rival bid from a consortium comprising PKO BP and Pekao, which offered credit at 1.2% interest, while the winning bid proposed 0.99%. The difference in interest rate is equivalent to a saving of zl.60 million. The credit is to be repaid over 14 years. (Puls Biznesu, June 16, 2010, p. 5)

Polish National Stadium will be built in time

7. 6. 2010. Despite the harsh winter and spring flood the National Stadium in Warsaw will be opened on time. "June 2011 is a strict deadline. Do not worry, we are in time, and UEFA will be delighted," said the spokesperson of the National Sports Centre. NCS, Daria Kulińska. She ensured that the next winter, regardless of the weather, should not be a threat, because the work will be conducted inside. UEFA is also confident about the stadium built in Gdansk. In June a two-stage tender started for the future operator of PGE Arena, who will lease the object. (Dziennik 7. 6. 2010 p. A9)

II. Conference on "Decent work for the builders" on 25-27.10.2010

The next conference targeting the campaign for decent work at construction sites before the Euro 2012 will take place from the 25th of October 2010, 2 p.m. to the 27th of October 2010, 1 p.m. in the Training Centre of the Governmental Work Inspection (PIP) in Wroclaw, ul. Kopernika 5, www.ospip.pl. The discussion of the conference's topics is still going on. The first proposals are: 1 Methods for obtaining new members in other countries and their possible implementation in Poland, 2 Collective agreements on Euro 2012 building sites or other construction sites, 3 BWI: presentation of the campaign for decent work; 4 Social clauses in public procurement, corporate social responsibility (CSR), 5 The results of monitoring conducted by the PIP and the trade unions on construction sites of Euro 2012, 6 Presentation of the situation in Ukraine and 7 A visit to the stadium in Wroclaw.

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