



Press Release

AUTOSTRADe PER L'ITALIA SIGNS CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SATELLITE-BASED TOLL SYSTEM FOR HEAVY VEHICLES IN FRANCE

Paris, 20 October 2011 - Autostrade per l'Italia SpA, via the wholly owned project company, Ecomouv SAS, has signed a partnership agreement with the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Transport (MEDDTL) for the implementation and operation of a satellite-based toll system for heavy vehicles weighing over 3.5 tonnes on a part of the country's 15,000-km road network (*Eco Taxe Poids Lourds*), together with the documentation relating to the financing and design of the project. The signature follows award of the contract at the end of a tender process organised by the MEDDTL, which closed last January.

The system will be implemented and operated by Ecomouv SAS, which in the coming days will issue new shares to Autostrade per l'Italia's French partners, who will thus hold the following stakes: Thales (11%), SNCF (10%), SFR (6%) and Steria (3%). On completion of the issue, Autostrade per l'Italia will own 70% of Ecomouv SAS.

Today's agreement has a duration of thirteen years and 3 months and is expected to be worth €2.8bn in total revenue. There will be an initial twenty-one month design and construction phase, followed by operation and maintenance of the system for eleven and a half years.

Financing is being provided by a syndicate of banks, including Banca IMI, Deutsche Bank, Mediobanca, Unicredit and Credit Agricole-Corporate Investment Bank. Autostrade per l'Italia was advised by Deutsche Bank, acting as financial advisor.

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