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Laying the foundation stone of the new Charleroi Police Headquarters

On 24 May 2011, the City of Charleroi officially awarded the CFE group a DBFM (design, build, finance, maintain) contract for the new Police Headquarters and an extension to the choreographic centre *Charleroi-Danses* on the current site of the DEFELD barracks on Boulevard Mayence.

This project, which won a prize at MIPI in Cannes in the Best Futura Project category, represents an investment of € 70.5 million (construction costs plus borrowing costs) and an annual maintenance budget of € 1.3 million, index-linked for 25 years.

The building permit was obtained on March 19, 2012 and the construction, which will take 31 months, began immediately, with the project due to be delivered in November 2014.

The total area of the project is 41,800 m² including 39,500 m² for the Police Headquarters, including 13,000 m² the new 20-storey passive tower, and 2,300 m² for the extension to *Charleroi Danses*.

The construction work is being carried out by CFE as the main contractor, through its regional divisions BPC Hainaut and CFE Brabant. The companies from the multitechnics and maintenance divisions of the CFE group are also involved.

Although two-thirds of the earthworks are completed and the mat foundation of the tower has already been poured, on 12 September 2012, the Mayor of the City of Charleroi laid the foundation stone of this large-scale project in the presence of numerous representatives of the municipal and regional authorities, the Police and *Charleroi Danses*.

The design architects, Jean Nouvel and MDW Architecture, also attended this event.

CFE is a multidisciplinary group supplying construction and associated services, listed on Euronext Brussels, which is 47%-owned by VINCI. In its historic business as a builder, CFE is one of the main players in Belgium and also has a presence in the Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Central Europe and the Middle East and Africa. Moreover, CFE owns a 50% stake in DEME, one of the world's leading dredging companies.

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