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CFE and its partners commission the new “Coentunnel” in Amsterdam

Brussels, 21 May 2013 - Coentunnel Company, a franchisee subsidiary of CFE, its subsidiary Dredging International, and their partners, officially inaugurated the second “Coentunnel” in the Netherlands on 16 May 2013, in the presence of Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Dutch minister of infrastructures and the environment.

The works, which took 5 years, were carried out by Coentunnel Construction v.o.f., a grouping composed of CFE, DEME and VINCI Construction Grands Projets as well as TBI, Dura Vermeer and Besix.

The purpose of this 6-lane tunnel, submerged 750 metres under the Port of Amsterdam, and the dozen kilometres of adjacent motorways is to double the capacity of the existing tunnel and to make traffic smoother on what is today a saturated west ring road of Amsterdam leading to the north of the country.

One of the major challenges of the project is to preserve the existing tunnel, which dates from the 60s, while building a new one less than 15 metres away. The first “Coentunnel” is now closed for renovations. The entire system is scheduled to be re-opened in mid 2014 and will enable motorists to drive in both directions on nine lanes instead of the initial four. Coentunnel Company will then be in charge of the maintenance of the entire system for 24 years, in accordance with the public-private partnership signed with the “Rijkswaterstaat,” the Dutch Department of Public Works, in June 2008.

The franchisee company is remunerated through an equipment grant and an annuity paid by the grantor, the amount of which is established in accordance with the actual availability of the works for the users of said infrastructure and facilities.

A film concerning the project can be viewed on the Internet through the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gykLAVuQraU>

CFE, who was responsible for the project management, participate together with Besix, DEME and VINCI in NORIANT, the consortium that was nominated as preferred bidder for the Oosterweel link in Antwerp.

CFE is a multidisciplinary construction and related services group, quoted on Euronext Brussels, in which VINCI holds a 47% stake. In its historic construction line of business, CFE is one of the main players in Belgium and is also present in the Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, in Central Europe as well as the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Furthermore, CFE holds 50% of capital in DEME, one of the world leaders in dredging.

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