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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **A24 Blankenburgverbinding provisionally awarded to consortium Ballast Nedam, DEME en Macquarie**

**Rijkswaterstaat (The Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management of the Netherlands) has the intention to award the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project A24 Blankenburgverbinding to BAAK Blankenburg-Verbinding, a consortium consisting of Ballast Nedam, DEME en Macquarie. The project consists of the design, build, management and maintenance for a period of 20 years of the existing and new infrastructure.**

The A24 Blankenburgverbinding connects the A20 and the A15 and improves the access to the economically important Rotterdam region. The A24 Blankenburgverbinding leads (from the north to the south) from the A20, which lies to the west of Vlaardingen, along the Krabbeplas, underneath the Nieuwe Waterweg ('het Scheur') and will be connected to the A15 to the east of Rozenburg. Furthermore the project consists of the construction of two junctions (of the A24 to the A20 and the A15) and the widening of the A20 between the A24 and the Kethelplein.

The project Blankenburgverbinding originates from Masterplan Rotterdam Vooruit (2009), a vision of the development of the Rotterdam region that covers the period 2020-2040. The area is characterized by rural surroundings on the northside of 'het Scheur' and on the southside by industry and homes. The construction of an overground tunnel will reduce the barrier function and at the same time increases the liveability of the area. Het Scheur will be crossed by a tunnel made of zinc.

The project has a total nominal value of approximately 1 billion euro, including a 20-year management and maintenance period after the new infrastructure becomes available.

Following this provisional award, the other tenderer may object to RWS's intention in the so-called Alcatel period. If no objections are submitted, the final award will follow.

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