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Consortium selected as preferred bidder for realization of motorway A11 Bruges-Knokke

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The consortium Via Brugge, consisting of Ondernemingen Jan De Nul N.V., Algemene Aannemingen Van Laere, Franki Construct, Aswebo, Aclagro and DG Infra+, the infrastructure fund managed by Gimv and Belfius, has been selected as preferred bidder by Via-Invest for the PPP-project A11 Bruges.

The project A11 Bruges is one of the six major 'missing links' in the Flemish road network and the largest DBFM road project (Design-Build-Finance-Maintain) up to now in Flanders. It consists of the realization of a 12 km stretch of the trunk road link A11 between the regional roads N49 (Natiënlaan, at the housing district Westkapelle in Knokke-Heist) and the N31 (at the Blauwe Toren in Bruges). The contract includes a 30 years maintenance period.

The new motorway will establish a smooth link between Bruges-Zeebrugge Seaport and the hinterland. By separating the harbour traffic from the local traffic, the road safety and the quality of life in the region will be substantially improved. The A11 will also have a positive effect on the recreational development of the Belgian East Coast.

The first priority now for the technical team will be to submit, with the support of Via-Invest and all stakeholders, the application for a building permit.

Simultaneously and in close cooperation with Via-Invest the financing structure will be further optimised.

Via-Invest is a strategic partnership between the Flemish investment company PMV and the Flemish Region, represented by the Agency for Roads and Traffic (AWV). The main objective of Via-Invest is to accelerate the construction of missing links in the Flemish road network through PPPs. Thereto Via-Invest combines the technical knowledge of AWV with the PPP and financial expertise of PMV (www.pmv.eu).

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