

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Amberg Engineering's involvement in four key European railway projects: driving sustainable transport and connecting Alpine countries

On the 20th of March in Innsbruck, the Transport Ministers of the seven Alpine countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Lichtenstein, Slovenia and Switzerland) confirmed their joint commitment to completing all the key railway projects within the next 15 years and signed a declaration to promote sustainable transport across the Alpine region. These include "flag-ship" projects of the Trans European Transport Network (TEN-T) such as: the Gotthard base tunnel planned to open in 2016, the Ceneri base tunnel (2019), the Terzo Valico dei Giovi (2020), the Koralm base tunnel (2023), the Brenner base tunnel (2025) and the Lyon-Torino base tunnel (2029).

For Amberg Engineering, the signing of the Alpine Convention is a decisive milestone hence the company is significantly involved in four of these major tunnels:

- The Swiss company is currently leading the joint venture, responsible for detailed design and construction supervision of the Gotthard Base Tunnel (GBT). It is the biggest single work of the Swiss transalpine rail system, consisting of two 57-kilometres-long single-track tu-bes. Including all cross-passages, access tunnels and shafts, the total length of the tunnel system is over 152 km. With a rock overburden of up to 2'300 metres, the Gott-hard Base Tunnel is also the world's deepest railway tunnel constructed to date.
- Acting in the same leading role Amberg Engineering is part of the supervising team of the construction of the Ceneri Base Tunnel, the axis to the South of the Gotthard.
- For the main structure in Austria, the 55-kilometres-long Brenner base tunnel (BBT), Amberg Engineering is currently leading the joint venture in charge of designing the construction works of the 30 km length in Austria. The BBT will handle 40% of trans alpine freight traffic.
- The Lyon-Torino base tunnel is the fourth project of the Trans European Transport Network where Amberg Engineering is involved and in charge of preliminary and detailed design for both French and Italian sections.

Amberg Engineering is playing a key role in the realisation of these challenging projects, which -once completed- will significantly boost trade flows and passengers' mobility across the Alps.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS

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