

MEDIA RELEASE

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News from Ceneri Base Tunnel

On the 17th of March the first breakthrough took place in the southern part of the West tube of the 15.4 km long Ceneri base tunnel.

The southbound section of the West tube from the Sigrino intermediate heading towards the Vezia portal has been completed, thirteen months ahead of schedule. 1.5 km remains to be excavated of the northbound section of the same tube between Sigrino and the Vigana portal.- The final breakthrough is planned in early 2016.

In the East tube, breakthrough is imminent on the southbound section, while 2 km remain to be excavated in the North. According to Mr Renzo Simoni, Chief Executive Officer of the AlpTransit Gotthard AG, the planned opening date of the Ceneri base tunnel remains December 2019.

This is a milestone for Amberg Engineering: the company can look back on an impressive involvement within the Ceneri project: acting first as a consultant for ITC, Amberg Engineering was then appointed to lead the know-how transfer from Gotthard Base Tunnel. In a next step Amberg Engineering became partner of the planning group with ITC and finally managed the major part of the underground jobs. Today seven engineers of Amberg Engineering are taking care of the challenging site management.

NOTES TO EDITORS

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