



BRIDGE OVER THE MESSINA STRAIT: THE GROUP LED BY ASTALDI PRESENTS THE OFFER

Rome, May 25th 2005 - The Group of companies led by Astaldi, including Ferrovial Agroman, Vianini Lavori, Maire Engineering, Grandi Lavori Fincosit and Ghella, has submitted the bid relating to the tender for the construction of the Bridge over the Messina Strait. In case the bid is successful, Nippon Steel Corporation and Consorzio Cooperative Costruzioni will be technical operating partners of the project company which will be created in order to carry out the works.

Chodai (who designed the Akashi Kaikyo bridge, presently the longest suspension bridge in the world), Maunsell and Fhecor have jointly prepared the tender design.

Maire Engineering contributed to the design of road and railway links.

Technological and construction aspects have been studied by sector world leaders Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Nippon Steel Corporation.

Daniel Libeskind's Studio in New York, who worked out, among other things, the recovery of Ground Zero (New York) and of the Jewish Museum (Berlin), took care of the architectural and environmental aspects of the project.

The aerodynamic behaviour of the bridge structure has been analyzed by wind tunnel tests carried out at the Yokohama University (Japan) and the Polytechnic Institute of Milan.

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