



ASTALDI TO BUILD IN TURKEY THE "GOLDEN HORN" BRIDGE

The new project is valued at € 147 million

Rome, 9 December 2008 – Leading a joint venture, the Astaldi Group has been awarded the contract to build the bridge over the Golden Horn, also known as the "Halic Bridge," in a project totalling € 147 million in value (Astaldi's share: 51%).

The Halic Bridge will span the famous inlet of the European bank of the Bosphorus, called the Golden Horn, linking Topkapi to Galata. The route will extend for about a kilometre, allowing passage for Istanbul's new Unkapanı-Yenikapı underground rail line. The new structure will include the construction of a steel cable-stayed bridge 387 metres in length, plus a 120-metre swing bridge to let vessels through. Works are scheduled to begin in early 2009.

The Client is the Municipality of Istanbul. The local partner will be Gülermak, one of the partners with which Astaldi – again in Istanbul – is already building the Kadıköy-Kartal underground rail line, for a total value of € 751 million.

Active in Turkey since 1985, The Astaldi Group has already built a major section of the Anatolian Motorway linking the cities of Istanbul and Ankara.

"The new project in Turkey," declared Giuseppe Cafiero, Chief Executive Officer in charge of the Group's industrial policies, "confirms yet again the effectiveness of Astaldi's foreign commercial policy, which targets selected geographic areas where the Group already has solid experience, in order to become a player of local reference and highly competitive internationally."

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Listed on the STAR segment of the Italian stock exchange, Astaldi Group has been active for more than 80 years, in Italy and abroad, in designing and constructing large-scale civil engineering works.

The Group operates in the main following areas of activity:

- *transport infrastructures (railways, undergrounds, roads, motorways, ports, and airports);*
- *hydraulic works and power production plants (dams, hydroelectric plants, water systems, oil pipelines, gas pipelines, and treatment plants);*
- *civil and industrial constructions (hospitals, universities, airports, law courts, construction works for power plants and nuclear power stations, and car parks;*
- *management under concession of such works as car parks, healthcare facilities, urban transport infrastructures.*

The Group is currently a General Contractor capable of promoting financial aspects and coordinating all resources and skills for the optimal development and management of complex and high-value public works.

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