



## ASTALDI SIGNS A NEW EUR 350 MILLION CONTRACT IN POLAND

*Rome, 8 September 2009* – Astaldi has signed the contract to re-modernise a section of the NR8 national road in Poland, worth a total PLN 1.4 billion, equivalent to EUR 350 million (Astaldi has a 40% stake and is the project leader). The works have been commissioned by Poland's National Roads and Motorways Authority and the planned duration of the works is 33 months, with 12 months calculated for the design phase due to be started up over the coming days.

The contract involves the design and rehabilitation, with conversion into a fast-flowing dual carriageway, of 62 kilometres of the road called the NR8 running between Piotrków Tribunalnski and Rawa Mazowiecka. The construction of 14 junctions (at staggered levels) and 59 major works (including flyovers, bridges and viaducts) is also planned.

The project will be performed by the joint venture comprising Astaldi S.p.A. (as leader with a 40% stake) and the Polish companies, PBDiM Minsk Mazowiecki (already one of Astaldi's partners for the Warsaw underground project), Erbedim, Intercor and Technital.

"This new contract – stressed Giuseppe Cafiero, Astaldi's C.E.O. with responsibility for business policies – confirms the Group's ability to expand in recently-opened markets such as Poland where we have secured orders worth over EUR 1.2 billion".

Astaldi is present in Eastern Europe (Poland, Romania and Bulgaria), mainly in the transport infrastructures sector. It has recently secured contracts in Poland to construct the Warsaw underground (EUR 750 million with Astaldi holding a 45% stake) and to build the Minsk Mazowiecki ring road. As regards Romania, it is mainly involved in modernising the Bucharest-Constanta railway section (EUR 180 million), building the innovative cable-stayed bridge in Basarab (EUR 120 million with Astaldi holding a 50% stake) and building the Lia Manoliu stadium in Bucharest (EUR 140 million with Astaldi holding a 40% stake), as well as performing works related to the Constanta bypass road (EUR 120 million with Astaldi holding a 50% stake) and the Arad-Timisoara motorway (EUR 138 million with Astaldi holding a 50% stake). While in Bulgaria, it is building the Plovdiv-Svilengrad railway line (EUR 162.5 million with Astaldi holding a 100% stake).

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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 mainly operates in the following areas of activity:*

- *transport infrastructures (railways, undergrounds, roads, motorways, ports, and airports);*
- *hydraulic works and power production plants (dams, hydroelectric plants, waterworks, oil pipelines, gas pipelines and treatment plants);*
- *civil and industrial construction (hospitals, universities, airports, law courts, building works related to power plants and NPPs, and car parks);*
- *concession of such works as car parks, healthcare facilities, urban transport infrastructures.*

*The Astaldi 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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