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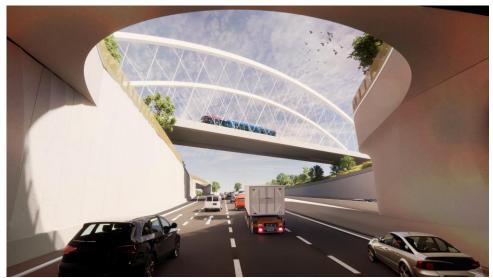
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BOUYGUES TRAVAUX PUBLICS PART OF CONSORTIUM TO BUILD THE RIVER TORRENS TO DARLINGTON PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA.

The consortium made up of Bouygues Construction Australia¹, John Holland, Jacobs, Arcadis and Ventia, has been selected to build the River Torrens to Darlington (T2D) tunnel project in South Australia.

The share for Bouygues Travaux Publics is more than €2 billion.



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The T2D project involves the construction of a 10.5-kilometre motorway, with three lanes in each direction and including tunnel sections, linking the River Torrens area in the north to Darlington in the south of Adelaide.

This continuous motorway aims to improve safety and travel efficiency for motorists and includes two sets of twin three-lane tunnels, which will be connected by an open motorway.

¹ Bouygues Construction Australia is the Australian subsidiary of Bouygues Travaux Publics.

Pressurised tunnel boring machines (TBMs) will be used to excavate the tunnels and crossings. This method reduces the risk of soil compaction, while ensuring the integrity of surrounding structures and landscapes.

A major project for South Australia

Over the duration of its construction, the T2D project is expected to support 5,500 jobs per year, bolstering Adelaide's construction industry and providing valuable skills and training to the local workforce. At least 90% of the hours worked will be performed by local South Australians. The consortium will also focus on local skills development, including more than 600 jobs for apprentices and trainees, and ambitious targets for female and indigenous participation.

The T2D Project will play a vital role in streamlining key freight transportation routes, building community connection by improving access to Adelaide's central business district (CBD) and key travel gateways, and renewing urban areas with new pedestrian, cycling and green space facilities.

Main construction is scheduled to start in 2025, with excavation of the southern tunnels beginning in 2026 and the project opening to traffic by 2031.

Bertrand Burtschell, CEO of Bouygues Travaux Publics, said: "Following the Melbourne metro and the NorthConnex and WestConnex projects in Sydney, this new contract fully confirms Bouygues Travaux Publics as a leading player in Australia. We are proud and honoured by the trust that the Australian and South Australian governments have placed in us, and we will be calling on all our expertise to build this emblematic project, with our partners. It will greatly improve mobility and quality of life for the people of Adelaide."

ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM

The consortium brings together the global and local expertise of Bouygues Construction Australia, John Holland, Jacobs, Arcadis and Ventia, and is committed to delivering sustainable transport infrastructure that will contribute to South Australia's economic development.

ABOUT BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION

Bouygues Construction employs 32,500 people around the world, all driven by the greatest and most exciting responsibility of all - building for life. In more than 50 countries, we improve daily life for millions of people by creating sustainable infrastructures and buildings that serve life and address all our needs: housing, healthcare, education, work, entertainment, mobility, contribution to low-carbon energy production, natural resources management. At every stage of a project, we put all our expertise and our experience into designing, renovating and building differently so that we can meet the critical imperatives of the environmental transition and achieve construction that is sustainable and less resource-intensive. Every day, we make sure that everyone is safe, and that human rights and ethical standards are respected. Committed to strong values, the men and women of Bouygues Construction work passionately alongside their customers and partners so that our footprint becomes ever more positive. In 2023, Bouygues Construction generated sales of €9.8 billion.

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