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### **Press release**

#### **VINCI wins contract for the new London express rail link - Crossrail**

- Construction of the Liverpool Street and Whitechapel station tunnels
- The Crossrail project will provide an express rail link running east-west across London in 2018.

VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Bachy Soletanche Ltd (VINCI Construction), members of the BBMV consortium along with Alpine Beton und Monierbau, Balfour Beatty and Morgan Sindall, have won the €275 million contract (VINCI's share: 36.7%) to build the tunnels for the Liverpool Street and Whitechapel stations in London.

The contract is part of the Crossrail project, which will provide an express rail link running east-west across London in 2018.

It calls for the construction of the Liverpool Street and Whitechapel station tunnels and associated works. Each station has two platforms approximately 400 metres long, numerous cross-passages and underground branches connecting to the new Crossrail stations.

The works represent a total of about 190,000 m<sup>3</sup> of excavation and 60,000 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete lining. They are scheduled to start in February 2011 and will take approximately five years to complete.

VINCI Construction Grands Projets is a world leader in underground works, with numerous references and 10 tunnel boring machines in action in 2011 on the group's worksites. These include the Hallandsås and Liefkenshoek rail tunnels in Sweden and Belgium, respectively, as well as the Cairo metro in Egypt.

Bachy Soletanche Ltd is the British subsidiary of Soletanche Bachy (Soletanche Freyssinet). It has provided its geotechnical expertise to most of the United Kingdom's major infrastructure projects, including Terminal 5 at Heathrow Airport, the Jubilee line extension, Tyne Tunnel in Newcastle, M74 in Glasgow and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL), with in particular the refurbishment of London's St Pancras railway station.

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