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Press release

Third quarter financial report

Third quarter of 2009

Traffic

(in millions of kilometres travelled)	Total network				
	Q3 2008	Q3 2009	% change		
Light vehicles	5 245	5 548	+5.8%		
Heavy goods vehicles	823	729	-11.4%		
Total	6 068	6 278	+3.4%		

Traffic, measured by the number of kilometres travelled, increased by 3.4% year-on-year in the third quarter of 2009.

The 5.8% increase in light vehicle traffic, was due to an increase in driving holidays during the summer and also benefited from very favourable weather conditions.

The trend for heavy goods vehicle traffic, excluding basis or calendar effects, remains the same since the beginning on the year, with no real improvement being observed yet.

Consolidated revenue

The application of IFRIC 12 from 1 January 2009 requires the recognition of revenue generated by construction activities, which corresponds to infrastructure construction services performed by the concession operator for the account of the concession grantor, this work being entrusted to third parties and recognised using the percentage of completion method.

Excluding Construction, revenue reported by the Group is comparable in all respects with the revenue reported for prior periods.

(in millions of euros)	Q3 2008	Q3 2009	% change
	pro forma	40 2000	,
Toll revenues	496.3	524.0	+5.6%
Revenue from retail facilities,			
telecommunications and other	13.3	15.4	+15.3%
Revenue excluding Construction	509.6	539.4	+5.8%
Construction revenue (IFRIC 12)	95.6	93.1	-2.6%
Total revenues	605.2	632.5	+4.5%

Excluding Construction, consolidated revenues totalled €539.4 million in the third quarter of 2009, an increase of 5.8% from €509.6 million in the third quarter of 2008.

Nine months to September 2009

Traffic

(in millions of kilometres travelled)	Total network			
9 months ended 30 September	2008	2009	% change	
Light vehicles	13 379	13 743	+2.7%	
Heavy goods vehicles	2 646	2 247	-15.1%	
Total	16 025	15 990	-0.2%	

As regards light vehicle traffic, the good figures of the summer period contributed to a 2.7% increase since the beginning of the year.

The heavy goods vehicle traffic decrease remains important, with a 15.1% decrease year-on-year recorded in the first nine months of 2009.

Consolidated revenues

(in millions of euros) 9 months ended 30 September	2008	2009	% change
Toll revenues	1 374.0	1383.4	+0.7%
Revenue from retail facilities, telecommunications and other	37.9	42.1	+11.0%
Revenue excluding Construction	1 411.9	1 425.6	+1.0%
Construction revenue (IFRIC 12)	244.9	220.7	-9.9%
Total revenues	1 656.8	1 646.3	-0.6%

Excluding Construction, consolidated revenues totalled €1,425.6 million in the first nine months of 2009, an increase of 1.0% from €1,411.9 million in the first nine months of 2008.

Toll revenues, which accounted for 97.0% of total revenues excluding Construction, increased by 0,7%

Other revenues increased by 11.0%.

Continuing development of electronic toll collection

Some 134 000 Liber-t badges were sold in the first nine months of 2009, an increase of 36% over the same period of 2008. The number of active Liber-t badges marketed by APRR and AREA increased by 22% compared with the same period in 2008, with nearly 707,000 Liber-t badges in circulation.

Electronic toll collection accounted for 41.5% of all transactions in the first nine months of 2009 compared with 39.2% in the first nine months of 2008.

Automated transactions accounted for 72.1% of total transactions in the first nine months of 2009 compared with 66.5% in the same period of 2008.

At 30 September 2009, nearly three in every four toll plazas is totally or partially automated.

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Europe's fourth-largest motorway company, APRR Group, a subsidiary of Eiffage, operates 2,234 km of the 2,279 km of privately-managed motorway network available under concession from the State.

The Group's motorway network is a major communications axis in Europe. In 2008, the network recorded more than 20 billion kilometres travelled and the Group posted consolidated revenues of €1,834 million and net profit of €333 million, with almost 4,000 employees.

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