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Press release

APRR and AREA management contracts

In December 2009, the French State and Autoroutes Paris-Rhin-Rhône (APRR) and Autoroutes Rhône-Alpes (AREA) formalised the technical content and the legal and financial aspects of the management contracts for the period 2009 to 2013.

Following meetings of their respective boards today, APRR and AREA have been authorised to proceed and sign these contracts.

The two contracts, following on from previous contracts for the period 2004 to 2008, provide for significant investments of around €500 million in current terms, with agreed tariff increases of 0.50% in 2010 and to be equivalent from 2011 to 2013 to 85% of inflation increased by a fixed amount of 0.50%.

Under these contracts, several projects to build new motorway sections and widen others are planned: the construction of the A6-A46 junction north of Lyon, the widening of the A43-A432 motorway interchange, the widening of the A71 at Clermont-Ferrand, the widening of the A46 north of Lyon, and the widening of several sections of the A43 between Coiranne and Chambéry.

Other investments are planned to accelerate the development and modernisation of the motorway networks, notably in the areas of safety, traffic management and customer services.

The contracts also call for the rollout of drive through toll collection and pay particular attention to the protection of the environment (water treatment, noise reduction and safeguarding biodiversity).

Autoroutes Paris-Rhin-Rhône Group

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 under concession to it from the French State.

The Group's motorway network is a major communications axis in Europe. In 2009, it recorded more than 20 billion kilometres travelled. The Group reported consolidated revenues of €1,860 million for 2009, and has around 4,000 employees.

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