BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION WINS A CONTRACT IN AUSTRALIA FOR 210 MILLION EUROS

In partnership with the Australian group Macmahon, Bouygues Travaux Publics has just been awarded a 260 million Australian dollar (approximately 210 million euros) alliance contract in Australia for the design and construction of a railway underpass and 3.2 km of new track in western Sydney. Bouygues Travaux Publics' share in the project is worth 130 million Australian dollars (approximately 105 million euros).

The works will allow freight trains to change tracks without hampering the movement of passenger trains. The aim is to facilitate the free flow of freight traffic on a major national rail artery between Sydney and Newcastle.

Works on the site will be conducted in a constrained environment alongside existing rail tracks without interrupting current train movements.

Works are starting immediately and construction will end in late 2015, with an estimated workforce of 400 people.

Particular attention will be paid to the environment: all waste water along the new track will be recycled and the removal of spoil will be closely monitored. The alliance will also remove contaminated material in certain parts of the one hundred year old railway site and preserve heritage buildings.

This is the second contract that the client, Transport for New South Wales, has awarded to Bouygues Travaux Publics. The first involved the construction of major rail infrastructure, including bridges, a railway station and tracks to the south west of Sydney.

In addition to this project, Bouygues Construction is also currently upgrading a highway in Queensland. The Group has already completed other large projects in this country, most notably a Sydney rail tunnel airport link in the late 1990s and, more recently, a road traffic bridge in Brisbane. VSL, a specialised subsidiary of Bouygues Construction, has also been active in Australia for some fifty years.

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