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**VINCI SELECTED TO NEGOTIATE THE CONCESSION CONTRACT  
FOR THE A19 MOTORWAY BETWEEN ARTENAY AND COURTENAY, FRANCE**

**VINCI has been selected to negotiate the concession contract covering the design, construction, financing and operation of the A19 motorway, which will link Artenay and Courtenay by 2009.**

The French ministry of infrastructure, transport, regional development, tourism and the sea has selected the consortium formed by VINCI to negotiate the concession contract for the A19 motorway between two towns south of Paris: Artenay and Courtenay.

Arcour, the concession holder and a subsidiary of VINCI Concessions, will be responsible for project management and financing within the framework of a 65-year contract.

The design and construction will be carried out by a joint venture comprising VINCI subsidiaries: Eurovia, VINCI Construction Grands Projets, Sogea Construction and GTM Construction. The roadworks component is worth €609 million, and includes 101 km of motorway, a viaduct over the Loing and standard road infrastructure.

The motorway will be operated by Cofiroute, a VINCI subsidiary and the leading private motorway concession company in France (900 km under concession).

In line with the business model applied by VINCI for many years, the proposal was developed jointly by several subsidiaries who, by exploiting the synergies between them, were able to submit extremely competitive solutions.

The A19 is one of the government's 35 top priority transport infrastructure projects. It will run from the A10, which is already operated by Cofiroute, to the A77, A5 and A6, providing a link between the Atlantic coast and the south and east of France. The A19 will thus complete the motorway network that is essential for the economic development of the central region of the country.

Signature of the concession contract is expected at the beginning of 2005, which would lead to the new motorway being opened in 2009.

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