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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Vasco da Gama bridge has won the first prize for civil engineering at the Hispano-American Architecture and Civil Engineering Biennial in Madrid**

On 23 October of last year, the Spanish Minister for Public Works awarded the Vasco da Gama bridge in Lisbon the first prize for civil engineering, at a ceremony attended by the Portuguese State Secretary for Public Works and the concession company LUSOPONTE (in which VINCI holds a 24.8% stake), as part of the Hispano-American Architecture and Civil Engineering Biennial that was held in Madrid.

The design and construction of the largest bridge in southern Europe, often described as the "construction project of the century", were supplied by two VINCI subsidiaries, Campenon Bernard, lead contractor in GIE Novaponte with responsibility for works, and Freyssinet, which installed the cable-stays on the main bridge crossing the navigable passage on the Tagus.

It was the combination of all VINCI's areas of expertise – design, construction, financing and operation – in this project that led to the creation of this extraordinary, and now prize-winning, feat of engineering.

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