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Press release

New contracts worth more than €300 million for VINCI Construction in French overseas departments and territories

VINCI Construction Grands Projets has just signed the contract for the civil engineering work on Goro Nickel's ore processing plant in New-Caledonia.

This contract, worth \$60 million, is for the construction of the basic concrete structures for some twenty industrial installations spread over a 10 hectare site. The work will be carried out for Goro Nickel, a subsidiary of Inco, and will start in November 2005. It will take 16 months and will involve up to 200 people.

VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Dumez-GTM Calédonie are already present on the Goro site, where they are building a coal-fired power station for Prony Energies SAS (€46 million) and, in partnership, at the Prony Bay port, for Goro Nickel (US\$75 million).

In another part of the world, a consortium comprising only VINCI Construction enterprises has just been awarded a contract for the construction of the extension to Réunion's commercial port, for €73 million. This involves deepening the entrance channel and building a 635 metre quay using a diaphragm wall.

This contract, which will last 25 months, covers the dredging (Société de Dragage International, a subsidiary of Dredging Intl), earthworks (GTM Terrassement and Sogea Construction), diaphragm walls and civil engineering (VINCI Construction Grands Projets, SBTPC and Sogea Réunion). VINCI Construction Grands Projets is the consortium's representative.

The signing of these contracts comes shortly after the award of the contract to build the Soyouz launch pad in French Guyana.

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