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## **Press Release**

### **VINCI named preferred bidder for the PPP\* for the closing section of the Antwerp ring road**

The Noriant consortium formed by VINCI, as lead company, through VINCI Concessions (35%) and CFE and its subsidiaries, Aanneming Van Wellen and Dredging International NV (14%), in association with Besix NV (25%), Cordeel ZT NV (11%), Fabricom GTI NV (10%) and Victor Buyck Steel Construction (5%), has just been declared preferred bidder for the concession to operate the Oosterweelverbinding by BAM, the public sector entity in charge of the plan to construct Antwerp's new infrastructures.

The project, which will take the form of a 39-year Public-Private Partnership agreement, relates to the design, financing, building and maintenance of 30 km of traffic lanes in the north-west of Antwerp. In particular, its aim is to increase mobility in the Antwerp port area, by completing the western part of the ring road.

Construction work should last four years and should begin at the end of 2008 after the final negotiations for the conclusion of the contract. It will include the construction of a river tunnel, a two-level bridge, interchanges and a toll station.

This new success is a further illustration of the relevance of VINCI's integrated concession and construction model, combined with its strong local roots and high-profile track record in specialised civil engineering.

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\* PPP: Public-Private Partnership