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PPP projects in the Czech Republic

Two new road construction projects, financed by PPP, are being prepared...

The Czech Ministry of Transport, in cooperation with the Road and Motorway Directorate of the Czech Republic, is currently preparing to tender two large road construction projects – the D3 motorway in the Southern Bohemian Region and the R35 express road in the territory of the Pardubický and Olomoucký Regions.

The D3 motorway will be the first large road construction in the Czech Republic paid for by a private investor. They will build the motorway section from Veselí nad Lužnicí to České Budějovice and the connecting express road R3 to the Austrian border. The government has approved financing for the construction in the form of a Public Private Partnership. Apart from the construction of new sections, the investor will be assigned responsibility for maintenance and repair of the motorway on the section between Nová Hospoda and Veselí nad Lužnicí, which will be built by the state. The contract with the investor will run for 30 years and the entire southern Bohemian motorway as far as the Austrian border should be finished in 2014.

In fact, the first planned PPP transportation project in the Czech Republic for the D47 motorway, where the investor was the Israeli company Housing & Construction, failed and the state withdrew from the project in 2003. However, according to the Minister of Industry and Trade Martin Říman, such a situation will not occur again. "I would like to point out that the process of tender preparation and selecting the right licensee is entirely different," said Říman. Experts agree that the PPP project for the D47 was not prepared very well. "Actually, it was not a PPP project," says Vladimír Sloup, Executive Director of the Czech PPP Association. When selecting the contractor, basic attributes, such as

the transfer of risks, transparency and competition, were missing.

Also, a number of Czech and international firms who cooperated on preparing of the D47 for the Israeli investor hope that the good reputation of PPP in the Czech Republic will be restored by future projects. These hopes are shared by our office, which was the chief designer of several sections of the D47 motorway.

HBH Projekt is a private Czech company that is one of the five most important road design, engineering and consulting companies in the Czech Republic. In our 18-year history, we have participated in numerous road and motorway constructions in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, whether as a chief designer, a technical supervision provider, or a consulting engineer. Among those projects we are most proud of, besides the D1 and D47 motorways, are the completed sections of the R35 express road.

Our company is based in Brno and has branches and subsidiary offices in Prague, Olomouc, Ostrava, as well as Bratislava and Banská Bystrica in Slovakia, employing all together over 300 specialists. Apart from our traditional specialisation – transportation design and engineering – an increasingly significant part of our activities has become the provision of technical supervision and monitoring services and also property-rights preparation and settlement services.

Throughout the entire existence of our company, its growth has been accompanied by a continuous extension of professional specialisations within the company structure. Now we have many specialised departments, for example, for water management structures, electrical engineering, transport appraisal studies,

environmental protection issues, etc. We employ pre-eminent experts who apply advanced technical solutions that have a significant impact on the efficiency, safety and aesthetic standard of the designed structures and their harmonious incorporation into the landscape.

We hope we will once again become part of the team of a successful PPP project in the Czech Republic, taking up our successful work in the international team preparing the D47 motorway, testimony for which are the very favourable responses from the British company KBR, which carried out investor's activities for housing and construction. We are ready to provide a private investor with our professional support and experience obtained on the Czech building market, as well as important contacts and access to key know-how in preparing transport constructions in cooperation with the Road and Motorway Directorate of the Czech Republic. We believe that, PPP will soon become one of the standard means for successfully implementing large transportation projects in the Czech Republic.



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