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## Kazakhstan

# O&M services - including free flow tolling - for the new 66km ring road around Kazakhstan's major city Almaty

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023, Egis was appointed to provide Operation & Maintenance (O&M) services to a groundbreaking Public Private Partnership (PPP) project for Kazakhstan. The newly built Big Almaty Ring Road (BAKAD) is expected to deliver a significant positive impact on quality of life and economic growth in Almaty and the region.**

The BAKAD ring road creates a bypass route at the junction of two international highways, the Khorgos-Almaty-Beshkek-Taraz-Shymkent-Tashkent road (the "Silk Way") and the Almaty-Karaganda-Astana-Petropavlovsk road. It runs around Almaty from the west to the east, along the city's northern border, 20-25 km away from the city centre.

Starting June 2023, Egis will provide O&M services for the next 15 years, covering routine maintenance, winter maintenance, free flow toll collection (with no booths or gates), incident management, back-office management, and asset management strategy.

Said Renaud Beziade, CEO Consulting & Operations - Egis: "We are very grateful to our long-term partners in operating company BARR for their trust and for inviting us to work with them again on such an iconic project. The ring road perfectly aligns with our corporate goals as it will help remove a major transport bottleneck in Almaty, increase the transit throughput capacity, and reduce local air pollution. It also features a free flow tolling operation, one of our areas of expertise. We are already offering engineering services in Kazakhstan through a permanent office in Astana and so we can quickly scale up to deliver the infrastructure management services needed".

The BAKAD PPP is on behalf of the Government of Kazakhstan in co-operation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) as transaction advisors. The BAKAD consortium shareholding is split equally between Makyol, Alarko, and SK Ecoplant, each with 33.33% and Korean operator KEC with 0.1%.

The operating company BARR comprises Makyol and Alarko with 25%, SK Ecoplant with 10% and KEC with 40%. BARR has appointed Egis to deliver O&M services.

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## Additional information:

Almaty was the capital of Kazakhstan until the seat of government was moved to Astana some 20 years ago. Nevertheless, Almaty remains the nation's financial hub and the largest city, with a population of around two million. As a result, Almaty is also known for its traffic. The ring road will divert a large proportion of transit traffic away from the streets of Almaty, reducing air pollution, improving connectivity, and increasing the speed of cargo transportation.

Egis' strategic vision is to 'Impact the Future', putting our ingenuity at the service of our local communities all around the world. Every day, our people create concrete solutions that fight climate change, improve living conditions and keep people connected across land, air and sea. BAKAD project is in full alignment with this strategy.

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Egis is an international player active in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility service sectors. We create and operate intelligent infrastructure and buildings capable of responding to the climate emergency and helping to achieve more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. With operations in 120 countries, Egis places the expertise of its 16,000 employees at the disposal of its clients and develops cutting-edge innovation accessible to all projects. Through its wide-ranging fields of activity, Egis is a central player in the collective organisation of society and the living environment of citizens all over the world.

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