

Bögl a Krýsl to build motorway in Slovakia

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Czech construction company Bögl a Krýsl, together with Slovak company Váhostav-SK, will build a nine-kilometre stretch of motorway near Levoča in Slovakia. The contract for construction was signed in Bratislava. The winning consortium offered a price of just under EUR 60 million (CZK 1.45 billion), which was the best of all 13 participants in the tender, and roughly one-third lower than the initial estimate of contract value. The section Jánovce-Jablonov is the first project of the current government for the completion of missing parts of the D1 motorway from Žilina in northern Slovakia to Košice in Eastern Slovakia. After last year's parliamentary elections, the state stopped to build about 75 kilometres of D1 motorway in the north of the country through public-private partnership projects (PPP), instead it wants to build sections through normal tendering procedures.

The low price of the winning consortium was justified by some experts by a lack of construction contracts in the country, which forced the company to offer lower prices. Head of Váhostav, Ján Kato, has also admitted this. "We have completed large projects in recent times, the more we strived for this one. The price responds to the state of the market, it is not a price at which we would be able to operate (in the market) for several years," J. Kato said after signing the contract.

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