**Budimex starts construction of the D35 motorway section from Džbánov to Litomyšl**

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**The Polish construction company Budimex officially starts the construction of the D35 motorway section from Džbánov to Litomyšl. The ceremonial tapping of the foundation stone of the 7.6 km long route took place near the village of Hrušová in the presence of Czech Transport Minister Martin Kupka. The investment is worth approximately €136 million. The construction should be completed by 2027.**

After more than two years on the Czech market, the Budimex construction company is starting to build the first kilometres of local motorways. Last month, the largest Polish company in the industry signed a contract for the construction of a 7.6-kilometre section of the D35 from Džbánov to Litomyšl. The construction was inaugurated in the presence of the Czech Minister of Transport Martin Kupka and the Director General of the Road and Motorway Directorate of the Czech Republic Radek Mátl.

*"We are embarking on our first motorway project in the Czech Republic with great enthusiasm and determination. We are very grateful for the trust we have been given and we look forward to sharing our experience that we have accumulated over the 55 years of Budimex Group's activity,"* says **Cezary Łysenko**, member of the Board of Directors of Budimex.

The construction of the D35 motorway section between Džbánov and Litomyšl starts after the Džbánov off-grade junction, where it connects to the previous section of this motorway Vysoké Mýto - Džbánov. It then passes through scattered housing south of the existing I/35 road, then runs along the north-west side of Litomyšl and connects to the Litomyšl - Janov section.

As part of the works, Budimex will build the main road section of 7,589 metres and 147 structures, including nine bridges with a total length of 1,137 metres. The project also includes several viaducts, flyovers and 6.3 kilometres of noise barriers. Some 16 kilometres of local roads will also be reconstructed. The company will also address collisions with existing underground and overhead infrastructure.

*"The D35 project is our first step towards establishing a permanent presence on the Czech market. We have assembled a team of experienced specialists, both Czechs and Poles, we have the necessary equipment, and we are ready to start work,"* says **Krzysztof Sokołowski**, Budimex's director for the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The construction giant is also building a dry retention reservoir in Kutřin. In addition to the Czech Republic, the Polish general contractor has recently significantly accelerated its expansion into other foreign markets. It has successfully implemented orders in Germany, Slovakia and the Baltic States. In December 2023, the company signed its first contract in Latvia, where, as part of an international consortium, it will build a 230-kilometre section of the Rail Baltica high-speed railway line worth more than CZK 90 billion.

*"We are currently implementing over 80 infrastructure projects in Central and Western Europe. Our ambition is to develop into an international multi-industry group focused on providing services in the construction, energy and other key sectors,"* concludes Cezary Łysenko.

**About Budimex:**

Budimex S.A. is the largest Polish construction company with a history dating back to 1968. It focuses on the construction and property development market. Budimex S.A. Group includes six companies operating in various infrastructure sectors: roads, railways, airports; construction, energy, industrial and environmental construction. The company has 7 thousand employees, thanks to which it is able to complete 80% of its contracts ahead of schedule. In addition to Poland, Budimex S.A. also operates in Germany, Latvia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

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