

BAUER Group awarded its biggest ever specialist foundation engineering contract in Germany

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Schrobenhausen – In June, BAUER Spezialtiefbau GmbH, a BAUER Group company, acquired its biggest ever contract to date in Germany. As part of a joint venture, Bauer has been contracted to carry out the specialist foundation engineering works on the tunnels and supporting walls for the new double-tracked bypass rail link between Hanau and Nantenbach in the Spessart region. The project is worth some EUR 47 million to BAUER Spezialtiefbau GmbH.

The roughly seven kilometre long new track will reduce noise pollution for local residents. The work also includes the building of new stations and the renovation of a number of stations. The line will replace the existing route through the Schwarzkopf tunnel, which cannot be modernized for economic and technical reasons.

The works which Bauer has been assigned on the two contracted sections include the installation of 53,000 square metres of pile wall as well as eight kilometres of anchors for the four new tunnel constructions. One of the technical challenges of the project is the need to drill into hard rock in places. Several Bauer BG 28 and BG 40 rotary drilling rigs along with anchor drilling rigs will be deployed. At peak times up to 10 rigs will be operating simultaneously.

Chairman of the Management Board of BAUER AG Professor Thomas Bauer comments: "This is a great contract for us in our home market, and it is indeed our biggest contract in Germany to date. After having recently completed work on the large-scale Luise-Kiesselbach-Platz project in Munich, we have now once again secured a healthy utilization of our capacities in Germany for the medium term."

BAUER Spezialtiefbau GmbH is scheduled to start work on the project at the end of the year. The work will take about four years to complete. Most of it will be carried out during 2014 and 2015.

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