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AFRY awarded contract for construction of the secondary Gotthard tunnel in Switzerland

The existing Gotthard road tunnel was opened in 1980 and now requires a rehabilitation process that will cause several years of closure. A secondary road tunnel is being built to maintain traffic flow during the renovation phase. The Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) has awarded AFRY with the contract for local construction site management at Gotthard lot South.

The overall project for the construction of the secondary Gotthard road tunnel was approved by the Federal Council in autumn 2017 and the execution plan was published in spring 2018. Once rehabilitation work on the existing road tunnel is complete, traffic will only flow in one direction beside an emergency lane. As a result, the traffic capacity will remain unchanged and safety will be increased thanks to the separate lanes.

The scope of this assignment covers local site management in the South section of the construction site, including preparation facilities in Airolo and material management across the entire project, with services from the tender to the commissioning phase. AFRY will engage their specialists in construction management, security, geology and materials management. The planned project duration is ten years, from the end of 2020 to the end of 2030.

Marcello Pavone, Head of Market Area Civil and Buildings South says: "Following AFRY's involvement in the Gotthard and Ceneri base tunnels, we are pleased to be part of another important Swiss infrastructure project. Once completed, this work will significantly improve traffic safety in the tunnel and strengthen the north-south connection in Europe for future generations."

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