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Skanska's contract for tunnel through Hallandsås increased by SEK 600 M

The Skanska-led consortium Skanska-Vinci HB's contract to construct the dual-track railway tunnel through Hallandsås has been increased. Skanska's share of the increased contract amounts to SEK 600 M, which is included in order bookings for the fourth quarter. The customer is Banverket (Swedish Railway Administration).

The increased contract arose due to the complicated rock structure at Hallandsås, which could not be foreseen. As a result, tunnel drilling equipment is wearing more than anticipated, while progress is taking longer. Approximately 57 percent of the main tunnel is now constructed and Skanska-Vinci's portion of the work is expected to be completed in 2014.

"We are not pleased that the project is delayed. However, we now have agreed on a solution with which both parties are satisfied. We also consider that we have a functioning technical solution and that the project can be executed in an environmentally safe manner. This important project will increase the competitiveness of train traffic on the West Coast line (Västkustbanan)," says Anders Rehnström, Project Director, Skanska-Vinci.

For more information about the project, please refer to Banverket's website for Project Hallandsås at www.banverket.se/hallandsas

Skanska Sweden is one of the largest construction companies in Sweden with operations in the building and civil engineering area. The company has approximately 11,000 employees and generated revenues totaling about SEK 27 billion in 2007. In Sweden, Skanska is also active in the development of residential and commercial premises.

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