

Press release

Kapsch TrafficCom wins order in Portugal: Installation, technical operation and maintenance of a fully electronic toll system for Portuguese operator ASCENDI

Vienna, 26 July 2011 – Kapsch TrafficCom secures itself another important order. The company implements a fully electronic toll system for multi-lane free-flow traffic on more than 100 kilometres of Portugal's primary road network. The system for the Portuguese operator ASCENDI will be completed step by step from mid-October 2011 to October 2013.

In the period of October 2011 to October 2013, Kapsch TrafficCom will install a total of 38 toll stations for a new, fully electronic toll collection system for multi-lane free-flow traffic – doing away with the need for manual toll collection. In the future, tolls will be collected from all vehicles using the more than 100 kilometres length main route of this new highway. The company will subsequently provide technical operation and maintenance of the system for Portuguese company ASCENDI for five years.

“Portugal has been an interesting market for us for a very long time. Many years ago, for example, Kapsch made the existing toll collection system in Portugal compatible with the rest of Europe. There are now more than 2.7 million on-board units in use on Portuguese roads of which Kapsch TrafficCom has delivered 450,000 units to date. These guarantee smooth interoperability with other systems,” says Michael Gschnitzer, Sales Director of Kapsch TrafficCom.

ASCENDI network currently includes seven concessions in Portugal. Together, they are responsible for more than 1,370 kilometres of the primary road network in Portugal, beyond that Ascendi stands for the biggest private multi-lane free-flow Operator in Europe.

Kapsch TrafficCom is an international supplier of superior Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Its principle business is the development and supply of electronic toll collection systems, in particular for the multi-lane free-flow of traffic, and the technical and commercial operation of such systems. Kapsch TrafficCom also supplies traffic management systems, urban traffic solutions and selected ITS and telematic applications. With 260 references in 41 countries in all 5 continents, and with almost 44 million on-board units delivered and more than 18,000 lanes equipped, Kapsch TrafficCom has positioned itself among the inter nationally recognized suppliers of electronic toll collection systems. Kapsch TrafficCom is headquartered in Vienna, Austria, and has subsidiaries and representative offices in 25 countries.

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