Press Release

Kapsch: Electronic toll collection system operating successfully in Poland for two years

Warsaw/Vienna, August 06, 2013 – Kapsch TrafficCom is looking back on two years of successful operation of the electronic toll collection system in Poland. ViaTOLL, the Polish operating company of the consortium led by Kapsch TrafficCom, is currently collecting tolls both manually and electronically on nearly 2,190 km of state roads, expressways, and highways run by Polish road operator GGDKiA. The toll collection system was put into operation in 2011 after having been set up in a record time of just eight months. Since then, it has generated PLN 1.855 billion (EUR 431 million) in revenue for the Polish government. A total of more than 751,000 vehicles with a maximum permissible weight of more than 3.5 tons are currently registered. Thus far, approximately 1.2 million viaBOXes – the on-board units necessary for the transactions – have been handed out, via which nearly 50 million operations are registered each month.

"viaTOLL, the electronic toll collection system run by Kapsch Telematic Services, our operating company in Poland, is one of the most successful systems in Europe," Erwin Toplak, COO of Kapsch TrafficCom, states with enthusiasm about the success of the past two years. "In the first two months of operation, we were already able to double the number of registered vehicles to more than 600,000. The cost of setting up the system and putting it into operation was already amortized in the fall of last year." The majority of the registered vehicles (64.1 %) are from Poland itself, followed by registrations from Germany, Lithuania, and the Czech Republic. Moreover, the toll collection system is the first one in Europe to fully comply with the interoperability guidelines of the European Electronic Toll Service (EETS).

Economically successful environmental policy instrument

The proceeds from the national toll collection system in Poland (viaTOLL and light vehicles manual toll collection at state owned sections of the A2 and A4 highways) are used by the KFD (Krajowy Fundusz Drogowy) National Road Fund to develop and modernize the existing road infrastructure in Poland. KFD receives revenues of around PLN 3 million (EUR 705,400) per day. Apart from its economic success, however, the viaTOLL system is also an effective instrument of environmental policy. "The system is proving to make sense both economically and ecologically," adds Erwin Toplak. “This is because the fees are structured such that vehicles complying with the strictest exhaust standards (Euro 5 and Euro 6) pay the lowest fees.” This has significantly increased the number of registered vehicles adhering to the Euro 4-6 categories. The percentage of vehicles in category 5 has risen from 23 % in November 2011 to the current 31.26 %.

By 2018, the tolled road network covered by the viaTOLL - electronic toll collection system is expected to consist of some 7,000 km in Poland. Kapsch will initially operate the system until 2018.
Kapsch TrafficCom is a provider of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) in the application fields of road user charging, urban access and parking, road safety enforcement, commercial vehicle operations, electronic vehicle registration, traffic management and V2X cooperative systems. Kapsch TrafficCom covers with end-to-end solutions the entire value creation chain of its customers as a one-stop shop, from components and subsystems to their integration and operation. The solutions of Kapsch TrafficCom help to provide funding for infrastructure projects, to increase traffic safety, to optimize traffic flow, and to reduce environmental pollution from traffic. The core business is to design, build and operate electronic toll collection systems for multi-lane free-flow traffic. References in 43 countries on all continents make Kapsch TrafficCom a recognized supplier of electronic toll collection worldwide. As part of the Kapsch Group, a family-owned Austrian technology group founded in 1892, Kapsch TrafficCom, headquartered in Vienna, Austria, has subsidiaries and representative offices in 33 countries, has been listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange (KTCG) since 2007, and generated with more than 3,000 employees revenues of EUR 488.9 million in fiscal year 2012/13.

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