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## **Press Release**

### **Eiffage and Spie batignolles win a contract to renovate Houphouët-Boigny Bridge in Abidjan, Ivory Coast**

Eiffage, through its Eiffage Génie Civil subsidiary, is leading a consortium including Spie fondations, a subsidiary of Spie batignolles, which has been awarded a contract to renovate the Félix-Houphouët-Boigny Bridge in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The contract is worth a total of €52.5 million (32.7 m for Eiffage Génie Civil and €19.8 million for Spie fondations).

Financed by the French development agency under a debt reduction and development contract, the project – to be completed in 30 months – covers laying additional foundations, notably including sinking piles to a depth of 70 metres, and renovating the entire bridge.

Built between 1954 and 1957, the Félix-Houphouët-Boigny Bridge is a 25 m wide rail and road bridge which crosses 376 metres of the Ebrié lagoon. Featuring eight 47-metre twin-box spans of prestressed concrete supported by inclined piles, this emblematic engineering structure in Ivory Coast's capital city clocks up 150,000 vehicle crossings a day.

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**About Eiffage**

Eiffage is one of Europe's leading construction and concessions companies. The Group's activities are organised on the basis of the following business lines: construction, real estate and urban development, civil engineering, metal, roads, energy and concessions. Thanks to the experience of more than 63,000 employees, Eiffage generated revenues of €14 billion in 2016, of which nearly 20% outside France. Following the renovation of the Faidherbe Bridge in Senegal a few years ago, this new project further illustrates Eiffage's expertise in the renovation of major engineering structures.

**About Eiffage Génie Civil**

Eiffage Génie Civil is actively involved, from design to construction, in numerous projects in France and other countries, particularly in Africa. On a daily basis, its teams work on engineering structures, facility civil engineering, underground works, maritime and inland waterway works, earthwork, demolition and decontamination, foundations and structural repairs.

**About Spie batignolles**

Spie batignolles, a large French construction and services group, is a major player in infrastructure building and services. It operates in six main areas of expertise: construction, civil engineering and foundations, energy, public works, property, and concessions. The Group also carries out local repair and maintenance work through its nationwide network of dedicated offices in France. Spie batignolles has 6,500 employees. The Group is based at 140 locations in France and nine in other countries, notably in the Middle East and Africa. Its revenue totalled 1.55 billion euros in 2016.

**About Spie fondations**

Spie fondations, a subsidiary of Spie batignolles specialising in special foundations, participates in public works and building projects in France and other countries. Spie fondations designs and builds all types of deep foundations and support structures, and carries out underpinning, anchoring and ground processing work. It helps its customers carry out projects with high technical and commercial added value. Thanks to the expertise of its design office and the R&D work conducted by its materials department, it is able to optimise its technical solutions and adapt its equipment.