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NCC to construct eastern section of Göta Tunnel for approximately SEK 260 million

NCC has been commissioned by the Western Region of Sweden's National Road Administration to construct a section of the Göta Tunnel project in Gothenburg. The contract is worth approximately SEK 260 million.

The Göta Tunnel is an environmental project designed to reduce the amount of traffic that passes through central Gothenburg. The contract received by NCC relates to the eastern section of the planned highway system and includes the construction of 600 meters of highway, 280 meters of support walls and a 100-meter trough. The trough, a concrete structure shaped as a U, will function as the transition between the highway and the tunnel. The contract will require reducing the level of Highway 45, which will enter the trough and lead into the tunnel about eight meters under ground level. The project also includes approach and exit roads, ramps and two road bridges.

"We are very pleased to have been awarded the project, which will be a considerable challenge for us as a contractor," says J-O Sundström, manager of NCC's Western Region.

Foundation engineering work will be complicated by the so-called "Gothenburg clay." The replacement and relocation of four supports for the Götaälv Bridge, while simultaneously enabling road and tram traffic to function normally throughout the construction period, is another technical challenge. An additional demand is that. Work on the contract, which will involve approximately 50 employees, will commence after the summer vacation period. The Göta Tunnel is scheduled to be opened for traffic in October 2005.

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