



Press Release

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Elkuch Bator AG Switzerland and ATA Hill & Smith AB Sweden enter a cooperation agreement for the development of the Swedish and Norwegian tunnel markets

On June 29, 2018 Elkuch Bator AG and ATA Hill & Smith AB signed a MOU to develop the tunnel door systems market for rail, road and metro applications as well as power plants in Sweden and Norway. The MOU aims to develop, promote, sell and maintain door systems and to build a framework for a long-term partnership.

ELKUCH Bator AG established in 1963 is specialized in the development, production and installation of door systems with demanding requirements. The Elkuch products and solutions comply with the paramount requirements in railway, road, metro tunnels, as well as underground power stations. The services comprise the planning and development of tunnel door systems, project fulfillment (EPC), manufacturing, and maintenance services. Outstanding references of Elkuch include Loetschberg, Ceneri and Gotthard Base Tunnel - the world's longest high-speed railway tunnel to date.

ATA Hill & Smith AB established in 1967 is a leading traffic management specialist and product and service provider for temporary work zones undertaking all aspects of traffic management from design, approvals, barrier installations and service on both highways and urban roads projects. With the focus on innovation and safety solutions ATA offer products to protect motorists and unprotected road users like cyclists and pedestrians as well as noise barrier and tunnel safety solution for road and railway. ATA Academy, with accredited instructors for the Swedish Transport Administration mandatory framework, offers training services to road workers. ATA is part Hill & Smith Holdings PLC, an international group of companies with leading positions in the design, manufacture and supply of infrastructure products and the provision of galvanizing services.

On this occasion, Michael Lierau, CEO of Elkuch Bator AG, has stated "This is major milestone to provide the Nordic countries with outstanding tunnel door technologies and services for the road and high-speed rail tunnels."

Thomas Wuopio, Managing Director of ATA Hill & Smith AB highlighted, "Together with Elkuch we look forward to implement technical solutions to improve safety in road and railway tunnels in Scandinavia. The strategy is clear; replace old methods and products with state of the art solutions including an Industry 4.0 concept to improve minimize installation time with reduced cost and optimized maintenance program."

There are many ongoing tunnel projects in Sweden, the Stockholm bypass project and the West Link project in Gothenburg as two prestigious projects.