

# The Koralm Tunnel powered by PORR

PORR is building the third section of the longest railway tunnel in Austria.

31.7.2013 - With the commissioning of PORR for the construction lot KAT 3 of the Koralm Tunnel, the ÖBB (Austrian Railways) has once again put its trust in Austrian tunnel construction know-how. PORR has established itself over the past decades as the Austrian tunnel construction specialist and has advanced the "New Austrian tunnel construction method" (Neue Österreichische Tunnelbaumethode (NÖT) with numerous innovations. Due to its high level of competence in managing major projects and its excellent reputation at home and abroad, PORR has been able to acquire contracts for many spectacular projects in recent years. These include two tunnels on the new Stuttgart-Ulm line (ALP ascent), tunnels for the project Stuttgart 21 (Ober- and Untertürkheim, Filder Tunnel) and an entire subway line for the Metro Doha in Qatar.

With the Koralm Tunnel, PORR will once again be realising a major project in Austria.

From the beginning of November, two tunnel pipes will be driven through the mountain. For the southern pipe, the existing 7.6 km long sounding tunnel will be widened to the full profile. In addition, a further 3.3 km of new tunnel will be built in the full profile. The northern pipe with a length of 12.6 km will be drilled out mainly by using a tunnel boring machine. The construction work will run until summer 2020, and the order total amounts to nearly € 300 million.

General Director Karl-Heinz Strauss is convinced of the importance of the project for the whole region: "The Koralm Tunnel is an essential component for the modern transport infrastructure of tomorrow. The project is also part of the trans-European network and therefore underscores the central role of our country in the heart of Europe. I am proud that PORR has been commissioned to apply its decades of skill and experience in the creation of this milestone for Austria."