

SkyToll launched the toll in the Czech Republic in 16 days

Prague, 7 December 2010 – Only 16 days was enough for SkyToll to prepare and successfully test the pilot project for tolling the total of 252.2 km of specified sections of 1st, 2nd and 3rd class roads in the Czech Republic. The satellite technology enabled to toll the desired infrastructure in a record short period of time at a low investment and operating cost. The advantage of the solution is its interoperability between the Czech Republic and Slovakia as well as prospective expansion into other countries. That makes possible to have only one On-Board when driving abroad.

Preparation works on the project began on 15 November 2010. Considering the fact that the Czech Ministry of Transport expressed interest in tolling sections of 1st, 2nd and 3rd class roads, the pilot test covered 196.7 km of motorways, 22.3 km of 1st class road, 22.5 km of 2nd class roads and 10.7 km of 3rd class roads. The individual types of roads were demarcated by intersections and the corresponding sections were transposed into a digital map, the so-called GEO model, according to the toll algorithm. The average length of a section on roads of lower categories was 0.98 km, which also fulfilled the requirement of hauliers of fair toll collection.

The testing operation of the satellite toll collection in the Czech Republic was performed on December 2nd and its result demonstrated the success of the solution proposed by SkyToll. "The pilot project confirmed that the satellite technology is the only effective way for tolling roads of lower categories and not only in the Czech Republic. This solution is the most suitable one not only in the technical aspect, but especially the financial and time aspect. The sooner the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic announces a tender for tolling roads of lower categories, the faster will the roads become profitable," said the CEO and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of SkyToll Matej Okáli. In his opinion, the fast introduction of the satellite toll

technology will immediately regulate the volume of freight traffic in regions requested by the Czech heads of regions and town mayors.

The introduction of the satellite toll collection in the Czech Republic by SkyToll would also enable the first actual functioning of the so-called toll roaming in Europe, the Slovak toll operator claims. In the company's opinion, this fact would significantly simplify the work of hauliers that would be able to use only one single hybrid On-Board Unit for the territory of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic and in the future prospectively also for other European countries. "The On-Board Unit used by the Slovak satellite toll system is able to function in the microwave and satellite environment; therefore, the drivers would be able to use only one single unit when driving through Europe," added Matej Okáli.

In January 2009, SkyToll, a. s. signed a contract with the National Motorway Company binding it to develop and operate the Complex Service of Electronic Toll Collection in the Slovak Republic. It was established by members of the Ibertax-Santoll consortium - the winner of the tender for delivery of the Complex Service of Electronic Toll Collection. The shareholders of SkyToll, a. s. are SanToll, the daughter of Sanef, and Ibertax. Sanef annually collects within its toll networks fees in the value of over one billion euros in cash, via credit cards and electronic toll. The company operates one of the longest toll networks in Europe (almost 1800 km). The Slovak project of the electronic toll collection is unique in the world because along with motorways and expressways, it also covers large sections of first class roads using the state-of-art satellite toll collection technology. It is built on the GPS – GSM technology that enables the maximum flexibility while coping with growth of the freight traffic volume and expansion of the road network in the following years.

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