

For the first half of the year the state earned almost 76 million euros in toll collection

Bratislava 14 July 2011 – **In June the complex service of electronic toll collection earned over 13.6 million euros for the Slovak Republic. It is 400 thousand euros more than in June 2010. In total the toll collection earned 75.7 million euros for the state in the first half of 2011, thus 12.1 million euros more than for the same period of the last year. Compared to the first quarter, the toll collection in the second quarter grew by over 11%.**

For the use of specified road sections of motorways and expressways, the toll collection in June was in the sum of almost 8.6 million euros, for the whole first half of the year it was over 48.6 million euros. For the specified sections of 1st class roads it was 4.9 million euros for June and 27 million euros for the whole half of the year. Under the transit ticketing the sum collected in June 2011 was 481.7 thousand euros, for the six months it was 2.7 million euros. The foreign vehicle operators paid almost 42 % of the total sum of the June toll collection. For the first half of the year the foreign vehicle operators paid 43 % of the total sum. The day of the month with the highest toll collection was 2nd June, when the state earned EUR 602,801. For the whole six months of the year the highest daily collection was in the sum of EUR 616,522 on 20th April. In June the specified road sections were daily used by 30,668 vehicles on average.

As at 30 June 2011 there were 193,503 active OBUs registered in the electronic toll system. In comparison to May their number again increased by 2,219 units. Over 66% of the active OBUs were used by vehicles from abroad, most of them from Poland 35 thousand, the Czech Republic 26 thousand and Hungary 20 thousand. During the first half of the year this percentage changed only little.

In June the mobile enforcement units checked 195,044 vehicles on the toll sections. Since the beginning of the year it was the total of 1,115,707 vehicles. In June the toll police patrols dealt with 501 cases of violation of the Act on Electronic Toll Collection; they collected the sum of EUR 16,011.98 for the state in supplementary tolls. For the first half of the year the patrols dealt with 2,759 cases and collected EUR 86,995.03 in supplementary tolls. The total number of checks carried out by the enforcement system, not only by the mobile units, was 9,810,253 in June and 44,301,323 in the first half the year.

For June 2011 SkyToll received the total of 424 filings by customers concerning the electronic toll collection operation. Of this number 26 filings were evaluated as justified. For the whole first half of the year SkyToll received the total of 1,895 filings, of which 131 were justified, including 37 requests to change identification data, 24 claims regarding payments or other fees, 17 requests to review the amount of toll payment, 17 claims concerning credit recharge, 3 claims regarding invoices and 1 claim regarding a damaged OBU. All claims were handled within the deadline set out in the contract with the National Motorway Company, which is 5 working days.

“Of the total number of filings received in June only 78 were complaints. If we compare over 30 thousand unique vehicles that performed at least one toll transaction in June to the total number of received filings, only 1.4% drivers addressed SkyToll in the course of the month. There were only 0.25% delivered claims and as little as 0.05% justified claims,” said Matej Okáli the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the CEO of SkyToll. “It is a confirmation of our system's reliability and also of the fact that drivers got used to it. What was new and bothersome for them a year ago is currently already a standard part of their work,” emphasised Matej Okáli.

The customer service line operators of the electronic toll system received almost 5.6 thousand calls in June and for the first six months it was over 32.9 thousand. The toll web portal in the same month registered over 62.2 thousand and for the half of the year 375.7 thousand visitors.

Since 1 January 2010, SkyToll, a.s. operates one of the most state-of-art electronic toll systems, which puts Slovakia among the leaders in the area of electronic toll collection worldwide. The system covers almost 2,400 kilometres of specified sections of motorways, expressways and selected 1st class roads. The state-of-art satellite GPS-GSM technology used provides for maximum flexibility of the system while coping with a future increase of the volume of freight traffic and expansion of the road network in the Slovak Republic.

The satellite toll system used in the Slovak Republic is already today technologically prepared for interoperability with the surrounding countries, fully in accordance with the requirements of the future European electronic toll service. Thanks to the technology applied, it can quickly and flexibly implement also future changes and new rules of the European Union in the area of pan-European traffic policy.

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