The Slovak electronic toll system is seen by experts as very innovative

Bratislava, 28 September 2011 **– Thanks to the satellite technology used, the Slovak electronic toll system, along with the German one, can serve as an example for the rest of Europe. A representative of the European GNSS Agency thinks that as well.**

After yesterday's presentations at the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic, the program of the visit of the European GNSS Agency's (GSA) representatives continued today with an inspection at SkyToll. Ms. Fiammetta Diano, the head of development of the market of systems for exact positioning on roads of the agency established by the European Commission got acquainted with the process of electronic toll collection in our country and with the methods of toll control and enforcement. SkyToll's representatives also introduced to her the mobile enforcement unit – the Toll Police vehicle - and also the functioning of the toll gate on the 1st class road. Ms. Diani called our toll collection as very innovative. "As a result of using the satellite technology, it is flexible and efficient. We can regard it as the future for all of Europe. You are the second country to base the system on the satellite technology. I have found out that it works very well. From our point of view it is a very good example for all the other countries in Europe," she said after the inspection. The Slovak electronic toll collection system was reviewed by guests from the European GNSS Agency also from the perspective of its connection to other European satellite systems. After the end of the inspection, Ms. Diani stated in this regard: "Currently the Slovak toll collection system uses the American satellite system of GPS because it is the only one available at the present time. But we think that in the near future there can be further improvement thanks to the systems of EGNOS and Galileo, which are the European satellite navigation systems. EGNOS is already functional and we think that the next generation of the Slovak toll system will already use EGNOS. Galileo will be available very soon. We will launch the first satellites in October of this year, which will increase the precision of positioning. Greater precision of determining the position of vehicles will enable the expansion of toll collection onto other categories of roads, but also other categories of vehicles," observed Fiammetta Diani.

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 first class roads. The 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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