

Toll collection in the first quarter of 2012 increased again year-to-year

Bratislava, 16 April 2012 – Just as in the previous years, March was again the month with the highest toll collection for the first quarter. The complex service of electronic toll collection earned 13.5 million Euros for the Slovak Republic, which was 156 thousand Euros less than in March 2011. Nevertheless, the overall toll collection for the first quarter of 2012 was in the sum of almost 36 million Euros, which was in comparison with the first quarter of 2011 an increase of almost 104 thousand Euros.

The level of electronic toll collection is a result of the growing intensity of traffic and a standard high efficiency of toll collection by SkyToll on the level of almost 99%. For the use of specified road sections of motorways and expressways, the collected toll in March was in the sum of almost 9.0 million Euros, for the whole first quarter it was almost 24.2 million Euros. For the specified sections of 1st class roads it was almost 4.5 million Euros for March and 11.7 million Euros for the whole quarter. Under the transit ticketing the sum collected in March 2012 was 336,514 thousand Euros; for the three months it was almost 1.2 million Euros. The lower sum for the sale of tickets compared to the first quarter of the last year was due to cancellation of 8 out of 12 original transit sections as of 1 March 2012.

In March the foreign vehicle operators paid over 43 % of the total sum of toll collection. For the first quarter the share of the foreign operators was over 44%, just as in 2011. The day of the month and of the first quarter with the highest toll collection was 29th March, when the state earned EUR 594,377. In March the specified road sections were daily used by 27,863 vehicles on average.

As at 31 March 2012 there were 201,794 active OBUs registered in the electronic toll system. Compared to the previous month their number increased by 2,251 units. The bigger increase of the OBUs was caused by the already-mentioned cancellation of 8 ticketing routes and the obligation of drivers to use the OBUs when driving on these specified road sections. Foreign vehicles had a share of 68% of the total number of the registered OBUs.

In March the mobile enforcement units checked over 170 thousand vehicles on the specified road sections. From the beginning of the year they checked the total of 508,164 vehicles. During March, the mobile enforcement units solved 797 cases of violation of Act on Electronic Toll Collection and they collected the sum of 23 120 Euros from drivers. For the first quarter of 2012 the units solved 2,174 cases, which represented a year-to-year increase of almost 89%. They collected toll from drivers in the total sum of 60,203 Euros. Compared to the first three months of the previous year it was an increase of 50%.

For the first three months of this year the customer service line received over 13.1 thousand calls. Most often drivers were interested in information involving the setting of the OBU or its return. The second most often they asked general questions about the toll system and the related legislation, while the third most frequent questions were about logging in the Customer Zone www.emyto.sk. The toll web portal recorded 148.8 visits for the same period.

In March 2011 SkyToll recorded the total of 267 filings by customers concerning the electronic toll collection operation. Year-to-year it was 27 filings less. Of this number 30 filings were evaluated as justified. For the whole first quarter SkyToll received the total of 772 filings compared to 828 in the first quarter of the last year. Of those 86 were justified. In the same period of the last year there were 56 justified filings. Of the justified filings for the first quarters, 38 were claims, 35 requests and 13 suggestions. All claims were handled within the deadline set out in the contract with the National Motorway Company, which is 5 working days.

Since 1 January 2010, SkyToll 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. GPS-GSM technology used ensures the 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.

More information: <http://www.skytoll.sk>

Contact for media:

Anton Bódis

Communication Strategy and PR Manager

SkyToll, a. s.

e-mail: anton.bodis@skytoll.sk

mobile: 0914 327 489