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## **Azerinsaatservis LLC. completes the construction the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars Railway's Georgian section in 2012**

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Being an Azerbaijani company, Azerinsaatservis LLC. keeps on performing the construction works in accordance with the "Project for Restructuring of Ahalkalaki-Karsahi-Turkey State Border Railway" within the scope of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) Railway Project.

The BTK Railway Project, whose foundations were laid on November 21, 2007 with the participations of the Presidents of the Republics of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey in Marabda Village of Georgia, includes the construction of a direct railway line between the Republics of Turkey and Georgia and the linkage of the said line with the present railway line within the borders of the Republic of Azerbaijan. As soon as the BTK becomes an important transport system between Europe and Asia, the Republics of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey shall turn into a significant transit intersection. After the railway in question is put into service, international freight transport shall mean a permanent income for those three countries as transit fee.

In the mean time, the BTK Project is of high importance for Azerbaijan politically, economically and strategically. By means of the said railway, Azerbaijan shall have a direct access to both international transport corridors and to Turkey.

Having a total length of 105 km, the BTK Railway Project comprises of two sections. The first section is 76 km long and constructed within the borders of the Republic of Turkey. The said section of the railway line is constructed by a Turkish company Özgün Yapı Çelikler. At present, more than 12% of the total works envisaged in that section of project have been completed.

The Azerbaijani company Azerinsaatservis LLC. constructs the BTK Railway's Ahalkalaki-Kartsaki-Turkey railway section located within the borders of Georgia. Although temporary halts occurred as a result of certain technical problems encountered due to adverse weather conditions and failure to foresee the geological structure of the railway at the preliminary stage of the project, in general, works are rapidly carried out for the completion of the project in question.

It should be noted that the laying of the water pipes envisaged within the framework of the project is about to be completed. Soil beds and water holes along the railway line to be constructed are still being prepared. Azerinsaatservis LLC. has completed more than 12% of the envisaged works.

Due to the fact that landslides have been detected in the land where the tunnel excavated for the construction of the railway at the border of Turkey runs through, new project for changing the direction of the line is being prepared.

A supervising committee has been organized for the purpose of supervising the execution of the project, which is highly important for those three countries politically, economically and strategically. The committee comprises of representatives elected from the governmental agencies of those three countries. On May 25, a contract was signed by and between the Republics of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey during the meeting of the supervisory committee in Bodrum County of Turkey. Signed as an

integral part of the primary contract, it includes the changes to be made in some technical matters regarding the BTK Railway Project, the works to be carried out in this regard and at the same time the supervision of the progress in the execution of the project. The contract in question was signed by the Azerbaijani Minister of Transportation, Ziya Memmedov, the Georgian Minister of Economic Development, Laşa Zavanias, and the Turkish Minister of Transportation, Binali Yıldırım.

“Project for Restructuring of Ahalkalaki-Karsahi-Turkey State Border Railway” within the scope of the Baku-Tbilisi-Kars (BTK) Railway Project is financed by the Azerbaijan Government Budget. It is stated that, for the additional works which are not predicted and result especially from the geological structure of the region and included in the section within the borders of Georgia, a certain amount of money equal to the one allocated by the Azerbaijan Government Budget shall be added.

In short, it is planned that the works in both sections will be completed in 2012 and thus the BTK Railway will be put into use. It is estimated that the line will transport 1 million passengers and 6,5 million freights in the first period of operation and 3 million passengers and 17 million freights in 2034.

*Having been founded in 2003, Azerinsaatservis LLC. has turned into one of the leading companies in the construction of roads and railways in Azerbaijan and the Caucasus. The Company, which offers high-quality service, renders all kinds of services from A to Z in its primary field of business, namely in the construction of roads and railways, with its own possibilities.*

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