



PRESS RELEASE

ESPE WINS “LOT 2” OF TENDER ANNOUNCED BY AUTOSTRADA BRESCIA VERONA VICENZA PADOVA S.p.A. FOR PV-BESS INSTALLATIONS ALONG THE A4 MOTORWAY

TOTAL CONTRACT VALUE OF LOT APPROXIMATELY €10 MILLION, WITH AROUND €9 MILLION ACCOUNTED FOR BY ESPE

Grantorto (Padua), 20 February 2026 - The EPC contractor ESPE S.p.A. (“ESPE” or the “Company”), parent company of the ESPE Group, operates in the renewable energy sector supplying photovoltaic systems, and is also the owner of "ESPE" brand technology used in the manufacture of small-medium wind turbines and biomass cogenerators; following a call for tender from **Autostrada Brescia Verona Vicenza Padova S.p.A.**, ESPE has been awarded "Lot 2" of a contract relating to the implementation of environmental sustainability and energy retrofitting solutions along the **A4 motorway corridor**.

The works in question are worth approximately **10 million euros** and were assigned by Autostrada Brescia Verona Vicenza Padova S.p.A. – a company of the A4 Holding S.p.A. Group responsible for managing and maintaining the **A4 Brescia-Padua** motorway and the **A31 Valdastico** – to a **Temporary Association of Companies** comprising **ESPE** as member company, directly awarded **90%** of the contract value equivalent to some **€9 million**, and **Consorzio Stabile Odos S.c.a.r.l.** as lead company, having extensive experience of infrastructural and complementary projects in the motorway sector, awarded the remaining 10% share of the works amounting to around **€1 million**.

More exactly, ESPE will undertake the design and construction of **photovoltaic installations integrated with battery energy storage systems (BESS)** along the A4 motorway corridor, handling the EPC activities involved in setting up ground-mounted systems near motorway junctions, areas adjacent to the infrastructure and brownfield sites owned by the concession holder. Overall, this will result in the creation of **9 installations**, with a potential power output of **4.15 MWp** and a storage capacity of **4.60 MWh**.

This new contract strengthens the positioning of ESPE in the segment of infrastructure projects connected with energy transition, contributing to the growth of its customer base, in line with the Group's development strategy. The works are scheduled to be started and completed during the current financial year.

Enrico Meneghetti, Chairman and CEO of **ESPE**, commented on the news: *"Winning this tender is an especially important outcome for us, as our bid was based on criteria that were weighted predominantly on the technical and quality aspects of the project, which amounted to some 90% of the overall points score, highlighting the experience we have gained in the design and delivery of*

previous installations, and the skills of our human resources. It is a result that confirms the solidity of ESPE's positioning in the sector. Working with Consorzio Stabile Odos, a partner with long experience in motorway contracting, we will be able to pool complementary skills and expertise and benefit from having a highly expert executive team. Being involved in a project promoted by a leading motorway concession holder is a strategic step for ESPE, one that adds value to its order book, while opening up new development prospects in the market for infrastructure contracting ventures related to energy transition, as well as a wider range of potential customers and future business opportunities."

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