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## Press Release

### **pbb provides €14 million to Cantal department under a PPP contract**

- Long term investment financing under a Public Private Partnership
- pbb and NGE join forces to implement road project

**Munich/Paris, 5 July 2017** – Following an 18-month tender process (“competitive dialogue”) the French civil engineering and construction company NGE and the Cantal Département in central France have signed a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP Contract) to finance, design, build and maintain a new two-lane bypass of c. 7 km near the city of Saint Flour. The signing occurred earlier in 2017.

The PPP Contract has a term of up to 21,5 years. In total it amounts to €29 million. Within the scheme, pbb acts as lead arranger and sole lender of a €14 million long term financing. The project is supported by the Région *Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes* which has contributed a €15 million subsidy as part of the Région’s public commitment to revitalising rural areas.

This project is a response to the Cantal Département’s core objectives. These include alleviating traffic problems and environmental/noise concerns during peak tourism season, improving living conditions of local residents and enhancing the road connections with the A75 highway (connecting Clermont-Ferrand to Montpellier).

NGE is an independent French company active in the building and construction sector and a strong player in the construction of major infrastructure projects.

**Jean Christophe**, Head of Public Investment Finance and General Manager of the French branch of pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, said: “We are glad to have been able to support NGE bid for this PPP project, NGE being a long standing client of pbb. pbb is also delighted to support the Cantal Département with this key ring road infrastructure. This kind of long-term public infrastructure project is perfectly aligned to pbb’s commercial strategy and our significant in-house expertise.”

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