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DANISH TUNNEL EXPERTISE FOR TURKEY

The experience gained from the construction of the bridge and tunnel link across the Great Belt in Denmark and the Øresund link between Denmark and Sweden is to be exploited in the planned rail tunnel under the Strait of Bosphorus in Istanbul. The project will create Turkey's first fixed rail link between Europe and Asia.

The expertise from the two huge Scandinavian projects will be provided by Sund & Bælt Partner, an independent company within the Sund & Bælt Group which owns the Great Belt and Øresund links.

Sund & Bælt Partner will collaborate with consulting engineers Pacific Consultants International of Japan, which recently signed a contract with the Turkish government for consultancy during the Japanese financed project.

The project centres on an approximately 2 km long immersed tunnel 75m below sea level. At each end of the immersed tunnel, bored tunnels will connect the rail line to Turkey's existing rail network. One specific challenge is that the tunnel will be built in an area susceptible to earthquakes.

The immersed tunnel under Øresund runs 20 m below sea level while the bored tunnel under the Great Belt reaches 75m below sea level at its deepest point.

Under the contract, Sund & Bælt Partner will provide technical, strategic and organisational consultancy. The Bosphorus tunnel is expected to be completed in approx. 5 years and the budget is approximately DKK 7 billion.

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