



## NEWS

### **Implenia named "Tunnelling Contractor of the Year" at the international Tunnelling Awards in London – Implenia's Nant de Drance pump storage power station project chosen as "Major Project of the Year"**

**Dietlikon, 8 December 2014** – Every year the International Tunnelling & Underground Space Association (ITA-AITES) honours companies and projects in the tunnelling and underground space sector. Last Thursday in London Implenia received this year's "Tunnelling Contractor of the Year" prize. A jury of industry and academic experts evaluated the nominees in terms of quality, innovation, cost efficiency, customer satisfaction and business development. Implenia impressed jury members with its strong track record at the Gotthard and its ongoing work at the Semmering Tunnel in Austria. "We're proud that our work during recent months and years has been recognised in this way," says Olivier Böckli, Head Tunnelling at Implenia. The jury also selected Implenia's Nant de Drance project as "Major Project of the Year". Together with a partner, Switzerland's leading construction services company is building one of the most productive power stations in Europe. When it starts operating at the end of 2018 the pump storage plant will generate 2.5 billion kWh of electricity every year. By that point, 400 workers will have built 17 km of tunnels and excavated more than 1.7 million m<sup>3</sup> of rock.

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Every year the International Tunnelling Awards are given to companies and projects in the tunnelling and underground space sector.



Proud prize-winners: This year Olivier Böckli, Head Tunnelling at Implenia (third from left), accepted the award for "Tunnelling Contractor of the Year". Pictured here with (l. to r.) Søren Degn Eskesen, President ITA-AITES; Peter Siegenthaler, pini Swiss Engineers SA; Gérard Seingre, Site Manager at Nant de Drance SA; Jean-François Nicod, Technical Manager at Nant de Drance SA; Mark Hansford, Editor NCE. Photo: ITA-AITES



The jury also chose the Nant de Drance pump storage works, currently being built by Implenia and scheduled to open at the end of 2018, as "Major Project of the Year". Photo: Implenia



Implenia is the leading construction and construction services company in Switzerland. Formed in 2006 from the merger between Zschokke and Batigroup, Implenia can look back on around 150 years of history in the construction industry. The company brings the expertise of its highly skilled Modernisation & Development, Buildings, and Tunnelling & Civil Engineering Sectors, and its Switzerland and Norway Regions under the single roof of a nationally and internationally active company. With its integrated business model and specialists operating in all its divisions, Implenia can manage a building project through its entire lifecycle and deliver work that is economical, integrated and customer-centric. The focus is on striking a sustainable balance between financial success and social and environmental responsibility.

Implenia, with its headquarters in Dietlikon near Zurich, employs more than 6900 people and posted turnover of around CHF 3.1 billion in 2013. The company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (IMPN, CH0023868554). For more information, please visit [www.implenia.com](http://www.implenia.com).