



**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **EURASIA TUNNEL STARTS UNINTERRUPTED SERVICE ON 24/7 BASIS**

**Eurasia Tunnel which reduces the intercontinental journey to 5 minutes between Kumkapı and Koşuyolu - where the vehicle traffic is at Istanbul's maximum - will be starting to work on 24/7 basis as of 07:00 on 31 January 2017.**

The Eurasia Tunnel which connects the Asian and European continents through a two-story road tunnel that passes underneath the seabed for the first time was inaugurated on 20 December 2016 with a ceremony participated by the President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and the Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım. The Eurasia Tunnel was scheduled to be open for use between 07:00 and 21:00 hrs. until 30 January due to the traffic systems integration works. Following the completion of the tunnel works, the tunnel will begin to service on 24/7 basis starting from 07:00 on 31 January 2017.

### **The shortcut between two continents**

The distance between D100 Highway on Asian side and Kennedy Street on European side – the two areas with Istanbul's heaviest traffic – has become far shorter with the Eurasia Tunnel connecting the two main arteries. Those using the tunnel complete their intercontinental journey within only 5 minutes also thanks to the improvement of the connection roads. With the Eurasia Tunnel, which also shortens the duration of transportation throughout Istanbul, all Istanbulites benefit the time saving.

### **Popularity rises each day**

The Eurasia Tunnel draws intense interest from the drivers since the first day of its opening to service. Owing to its technological features, Eurasia Tunnel was on the forefront as a fast, comfortable and safe transportation alternative during the unfavorable weather conditions due to heavy snowfall in the first week of January in Istanbul.

### **About Avrasya Tüneli İşletme İnşaat ve Yatırım A.Ş. (ATAŞ) ([www.avrasyatuneli.com](http://www.avrasyatuneli.com))**

Avrasya Tüneli İşletme İnşaat ve Yatırım A.Ş. (ATAŞ) was founded in 2009 in order to build the Istanbul Strait Tube Crossing Project by Yapı Merkezi of Turkey and SK E&C of South Korea. Yapı Merkezi is among the leading construction companies of Turkey and the world implementing universally leading projects based on its 50 years of experience and knowledge in large-scale contracting works. SK E&C is the construction and engineering branch of SK Group, the third largest Business group of South Korea. Yapı Merkezi and SK E&C are global companies which implement very successful infrastructure and transportation projects in diverseregions of the world.

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