**ITER Roads Ready**

**Public enquiry**

Positive Outcome

At the end of July 2010, High Commissioners Raymond Bouchet-Viallon, issued a favourable opinion on ITER's request for the Préalpes du Dauphiné roads project to be included in the planning of a public enquiry. From 23 June to 28 July 2010, the report explaining the enquiry’s public consultation program is available in the public places in the vicinity of Saint-Vallier-les-B_cv and Vauréal-sur-l’Arzon.

**Bilingual Lessons**

Children of no less than than 58 different nationalities listed, school year of the ITER's roads. In the morning of 27th September.

**Visits**

A Joint Visit Team

Creating of the first joint venture company

**A Boarding House in the School**

This school year, the International School in Manosque also opens a new boarding house for 12 students registered to the ITER site visitors.

**Taste This!**

This year the school kitchens aim to promote and develop the culture of the pupils by offering a selection of traditional international cuisines. Pupils will be able to share their homemade dishes with their friends.

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ITER Construction has Started

Since this summer, a new phase of the works is underway: the construction of the office headquarters and that of the building where the largest parts of the machine will be assembled, and the excavation of the area to house the research facility.

A Series of Sites

While some of the team drive the driller trucks to take the material to the rubble area within the site, the others use a milling machine to dig holes for the daily blasting scheduled for the end of August 2010. The first galleries of this area will house the buildings at the heart of the research facility wanted to become clear. In past three weeks more than 2,000 m³ of material have already been extracted. Another 10,000 m³ will be extracted over the next six months, occupying an area 140 m long, more than 20 m deep and 70 m wide, once the excavation works are finished. GTM construction will start work on the bottom slab of the foundations of the internal complex, involving the use of 35,000 m³ of concrete, explains Laurent Schmitter, Fusion for Energy’s Construction Manager for the ITER technical buildings.

A few hundred metres further on, teams from the industrial consortium led by Spie Batignolles TPCI have also started work on a building of enormous proportions (253 m long) for the Tokamak building. A second area of approximately 30,000 m³, GTM Construction is erecting earth and rocks.

Semiweekly news and features appeared on the ITER construction site, a sure sign of the increase in construction work this summer. Two of them, (35 m and 42 m) are for the construction of the building for the production of the largest parts of the heart of the machine.

The three others are necessary for the construction of the ITER office headquarters, carried out by the Leon-Grene Company.

The two highest (30 m and 42 m) are for the construction of the 180 metres high five floor main office building. The medium (30 m) will be used by the 18 months work of 102 people in the building of the future ITER office headquarters for Agence Iter France. According to the latest forecasts the shell of the building of about 200 m², will be finished by July 2011. About forty people are already working on this first stage of the works which will involve the use of 70 tons of steel and approximately 6000 m³ of concrete. The special feature of this building will be the 35 slabs necessary for the foundations. These slabs, just a few centimetres thick and made of high-performance fibre concrete, will be on the façade of the office building. The concrete has a very fine granular composition and the additives of fibreglass and metal fibres provide high mechanical characteristics and excellent durability. These characteristics enable the creation of the thickness, curve and angle necessary for these log 14 metres long slabs to create the impression of an external wall. The Leon-Grene company is presently working with specialised companies to perfect a prototype which will be tested before the production of the slabs this summer.

A few hundred metres from these, the construction site machines are working on the twenty metre deep excavation work for the tokamak building in a secured area of approximately 40,000 m³. GTM Construction is erecting earth and rocks.