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Eurovision Song Contest 2012 to be Held at The Baku Crystal Hall

Hüttwilen/Switzerland, January 27, 2012 **It is official, the European Broadcast Union (EBU) decided last week: The 57th Eurovision Song Contest 2012 to be held at The Baku Crystal Hall, Azerbaijan. NUSSLI is playing a key role in the construction of the state-of-the-art sports and concert complex. Work is continuing at high speed.**

The construction work for the event hall on the premises of the National Flag Square in Baku commenced back in July 2011. Alpine Bau Deutschland AG was awarded the contract as general contractor by the State Committee for Property Affairs of Azerbaijan in August 2011. Alpine is implementing the construction with NUSSLI. The international project team consists also specialists from the companies gmp International GmbH, Basler & Hofmann AG, and SSF Ingenieure AG.

The Baku Crystal Hall will offer space for 25,000 spectators and will fulfill the strictest requirements applied for major events in the sector for cultural and sports on an international scale. In just eight short months, a multi-functional arena will have been created in Baku, which will serve the city as a prime venue for a variety of events in the long term. In order to facilitate the implementation of the highly complex structure in just eight months, the building was designed in three main elements: the modular stadium by NUSSLI, an interior roofing structure, and a sophisticated outer shell. All three of these key elements were planned, pre-fabricated and installed at the same time. This was the only way that a realization within such a short time span could be feasible. The building - which is the size of an entire football arena - was designed entirely as a steel structure. Its extraordinary crystalline exterior appearance is due to its outer shell membrane. Equipped with a total of 45,000 LED lamps, the venue can create the exact ambiance to match the progress of any event. The crystal hall will shine brightly.

Back in Dusseldorf in 2011 NUSSLI created as part of the Eurovision Song Contest project the main element of the event, the substructure of the stage with a diameter of 13 meters. Indirectly connected with the large-scale music event, NUSSLI also constructed a temporary stadium for the German football club Fortuna Dusseldorf - airberlin world - with a capacity of 20,000 seats. airberlin world was used as an interim stadium for the second division club, while their home stadium, the ESPRIT Arena was taken over by the European Song Contest.

At a ceremony in Baku, the Lord Mayor of Dusseldorf, Dirk Elbers, symbolically handed over a key to his counterpart in Azerbaijan's capitol city on January 25, 2012. The EBU had selected the Baku Crystal Hall as venue for the largest music event in the world. Azerbaijan is also known as the 'Country of Fire' because of its huge resources of natural oil and gas. The Eurovision Song Contest 2012 will therefore be staged under the motto 'light your fire' on May 26 of this year.

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