

## **Groundbreaking for Europe's largest Autobahn film set / International Film+Test Location (FTL) being built in Aldenhoven, near Düren, Germany**

Aldenhoven, 30 August 2005 – The Film+Test Location (FTL), Europe's largest film set for high-speed car scenes, is being built near Düren in North Rhine-Westphalia. Beginning in November 2005, the facility will be available for hire for various uses, including national and international film productions.

A solidly built, authentic replica of a German *Autobahn*, the facility features access and exit ramps, hard shoulders, emergency stopping bays and a car park. It can quickly be made to resemble a typical motorway in any European country by equipping it with appropriate signage and road markings. There are two 1000-metre-long lanes in each direction, separated by a concrete barrier 81 centimetres high. Including the generous turning loops on both ends, the total length of the track is 2300 metres. With proper logistics, the track can be made to appear "endless", so long scenes with extensive dialogue and oncoming traffic can be staged easily. There are two backgrounds to choose from: a noise barrier or open fields.

action concept Film and Stunt Production GmbH, located in Hürth, is one of the companies that relies on the advantages the FTL offers in terms of scheduling and logistics. Action concept produces television programming for RTL, including the popular and successful action show "Alarm for Cobra 11 – The Autobahn Police".

The facility is located on the edge of an industrial park. All measures in connection with the construction and operation of the facility are being conducted with respect for both the environment and the residential area located 700 metres away. FTL GmbH is responsible for marketing and leasing the Film+Test Location.

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