

Interview with	Wojciech Gardas
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Yesterday, on the 29 July 2009 the agreement for the general contractor of the Chorzów stadium was signed. This is one of the most important investments in the Silesia region. The winner of the tender is a consortium with Hochtief Polska Sp. z o.o., Mostostal Zabrze-Holding S.A., Hochtief Construction A.G and Thermoserr Sp. z o.o.. The leader of the group, Hochtief Polska Sp. z o.o., signed the contract with the Marshal's Office of the Silesia Region.

We have been speaking with Mr. Wojciech Gardas from the Chorzów stadium department within the Marshal's Office of the Silesia Region about the construction works.

The value of the signed agreement was 338 387 353,60 PLN. We were told that despite the fact that Chorzów stadium lost the battle for the Euro 2012 Championship there is many other mass events for which the stadium will be used successfully. The modernized stadium will have the status of an Elite class object.

The investment, which name is "Covering of tribunes and necessary technical infrastructure implementation" will be financed by the Marshal Office of Silesia Region and the Ministry of Sport and will cover an amount of 110 million PLN.

The work includes the building of a shelter. Moreover, an additional upper western tribune will be build. On the eastern tribune new entrances to VIP, catering, parking zones will be build. The shelter construction, made from polycarbonate will cover 43 thousand square meters. The capacity of the object will be 55 000 spectators, the same as the new National Stadium in Warsaw. The investment will cover the building of new sanitary and catering objects, as well as new sound, lighting systems, new seats, skybox and rooms for various guests.

After modernization this will be a multipurpose object on which football matches, international athletic championships, motorcycle races and music mass events will regularly take place.

The construction will last for 21 months. It will finish in July 2011. During the modernization a few events will take place in the object. It will be the qualification games for the Worldcup 2010,



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Poland – Northern Ireland on the 5th of September and Poland – Slovakia on the 14th of October 2009. Moreover the band “U2” will play on the stadium on the 6th of August 2009.