

Milestones 2020

JANUARY

/// Rijkswaterstaat, the Dutch transport authority, awards the DBFM project of the A12-A15 Highway (ViA15) to the JV GelreGroen, composed by BESIX and partners. The ViA15 project will improve traffic flow, traffic safety and regional quality of life.

/// Bush fires in Australia become the largest wildfires in the country's history. Many of BESIX Watpac colleagues contribute courageously to the national effort to fight this natural disaster. Within the Group, initiatives are taken all over the world to raise funds, particularly for wildlife.

/// BESIX 3D sets a record by cladding BESIX-Six Construct's new headquarters in Dubai (UAE) with the world's largest 3D printed concrete façade.



FEBRUARY

/// BESIX Group is certified as a Top Employer 2020 by the Top Employers Institute. Top Employer-certified organisations are assessed and guarantee the very best working environment through progressive HR policies in which people are at the centre.



/// BESIX is awarded the ISO 19650-2:2018 certification, the world's first international standard for Building Information Management (BIM).

/// Queensland Country Bank Stadium, built by BESIX Watpac, is completed. This Australian stadium is a world-class venue with 25,000 seats.



MARCH

/// BESIX Foundation invests for the first time in a social impact bond for the 'Back on Track' project. This project provides support for young adults leaving detention in West and East Flanders (Belgium) and helps them to 'get back on track'.

/// With the outbreak of Covid-19, BESIX adapts its ways of working to the safety measures taken by the different authorities and to its own specific risk analysis. In all 27 countries where it is present, BESIX keeps carrying out its missions and demonstrates resilience.



APRIL

/// At the Deep Tunnel Storm Water System project in Dubai (UAE), BESIX-Six Construct completes the second tunnel breakthrough. This tunnel complex, designed for rainwater and groundwater, will drain 40 % of Dubai's urban area.



/// BESIX Watpac completes the AU\$ 135 million expansion of the Casey Hospital in Melbourne (Australia), boosting capacity for Victoria's healthcare system. Works included the finalisation of design and the construction of the 13,000 m² expansion.

MAY

/// The waters from the La Mé River flow for the first time into the drinking water treatment plant. BESIX is responsible for carrying out the civil engineering works of the plant that will provide drinking water to 1.5 million Ivorians.



JUNE

/// The 100th segment of the Shindagha Bridge in Dubai (UAE) is placed. The first segment of the bridge had been cast only three months earlier, in March.



/// Lantis, the authority in charge of the mobility projects in the Antwerp region (Belgium), awards the contract for the construction of the Scheldt tunnel to the JV COTU, composed of BESIX and several partners. This tunnel will be the most important connection element in the Oosterweel link that will close the Antwerp Ring Road.

/// Nye Veier, the Norwegian road authority, selects the proposal submitted by the joint venture of which BESIX is part for the E6 Moelv-Roterud infrastructure project. This project consists of the design of a more than one kilometre long timber structure bridge over Lake Mjøsa and an 11-kilometre long section of four-lane motorway.



/// The construction of the new Saint-Denis Pleyel metro station is awarded to BESIX France. This station will be the largest station of the Grand Paris Express. The contract, worth over 100 million euros, includes works to develop the station, covering a total area of 34,000 m² spread across nine levels – four of these below ground.



JULY

/// BESIX Group subsidiary Van den Berg is selected by the Belgian Buildings Agency and Brussels Energy to connect the Laeken Royal Palace and greenhouses to the district heating network fed by the nearby waste incinerator. The objective is to reduce the estate's ecological footprint and to lower heating costs.



/// BESIX-Six Construct in partnership with Mota-Engil S.A. is selected to build the marine facilities of the Mozambique LNG Gas Development Project. The terminal comprises one of the world's longest jetty structures, comprising mooring facilities for the largest LNG carriers, and a material offloading facility for cargo ships.

/// BESIX Watpac delivers a new 12,500 m² hospital for the Maranoa Region (Australia). The project has been notable for the high level of participation from local business communities.

AUGUST

/// The upgrade of the Brussels Airport logistic hub for international trade is completed (Belgium). This state-of-the-art infrastructure is specifically suited for the handling of high-quality and temperature-sensitive products.



/// In Dubai (UAE), the first panels of the Uptown Tower's façade, designed by the experts from BESIX, are put in place. This 340-metre high tower will offer a breathtaking view of Dubai's waterfront and iconic skyline and will meet the highest environmental standards for high-rise buildings.

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SEPTEMBER

/// The construction of the Deloitte University EMEA (Eastern Paris, France) has started. The project targets five first-class environmental certifications. BESIX is in charge of the construction works and the landscaping of the site with gardens and a wooded park.



/// For the second BESIX Cleanup Day, BESIX Group colleagues from construction sites and offices all around the world collect 2,000 tons of waste in their communities.



OCTOBER

/// BESIX and its partner have been awarded the expansion of the Port of Fujairah in Dibba (UAE). The project includes the construction of breakwaters, a quay wall and port infrastructure, as well as dredging the navigation channel and port basin.

/// In Brussels, BESIX and its partners start the construction of the Toots Thielemans subway station, two tunnel elements and the extension and renovation of the Lemonnier tram station. The project is part of the construction the new Brussels metro line 3.

/// BESIX Group is one of the 53 signatories of the Belgian Alliance for Climate Action. Signatories align their activities with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, aiming to limit the rise in global temperature to a maximum of 1.5 °C.

/// BESIX delivers the thoroughly renovated and upgraded Manhattan building in the Brussels business district to client Victory (Belgium). This office complex was designed and built to meet the highest sustainability standards.

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/// The construction works at the Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) Facility in Umm al Quwain (UAE) are completed and tests are launched to transform waste into high-quality alternative fuel for factories in the region.



/// The BESIX teams on the Nachtigal project site (Cameroon) and on the Dubai Uptown Tower (UAE) both reach 5 million man-hours without lost-time incident.



/// BESIX-Six Construct deliver a major four-way footbridge in the heart of Dubai, allowing pedestrians to safely cross one of the busiest junctions in the city. At rush hour, up to 8,000 people per hour in all directions are able to use the 75 m long elevated crossing.



NOVEMBER

/// BESIX and partner are awarded the State Road 318 Valfabbrica contract by Anas S.p.A, the Italian road authorities. The project will improve the connection and traffic flow between the cities of Perugia and Ancona (Italy).

/// The construction works of the Rail Baltica Central Hub in Riga begin (Latvia). BESIX and its partner can now bring the D&B concept to life, including a new central station building, a major railway bridge and various rail infrastructures. The project aims to integrating the Baltic States in the European rail network.



/// Grid operators Elia and Amprion inaugurate ALEGrO, the first electricity interconnector between Belgium and Germany. Two BESIX entities, Franki Foundations and Van den Berg, were responsible for the foundations of the Lixhe conversion station and the underground DC installation. The project aims to enhance the countries' security of supply and facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources.

DECEMBER

/// The French Minister for Foreign Trade and the French Ambassador to the UAE visit their national Pavilion, built by Six Construct, at the Dubai World Expo site.

/// On the site of the Mohammed VI Tower (Rabat, Morocco), the concrete central core reaches level 13. The tower is progressing at the rhythm of 1 floor per week!

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/// The first steel elements of the southern bridge are erected on the Vistula Spit project site (Poland). Reinforced concrete works are underway on the northern bridge and the construction of the breakwaters is progressing swiftly.

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