

Milestones 2022

January

05-01 BESIX-Six Construct teams working on the Dubai Uptown Tower top out at 329 metres. With the steel crown complete, the final height of the tower will be 340 metres (UAE).



15-01 Project Finance International, which is at the forefront of project finance reporting for industry, names Dubai Waste-to-Energy the Deal of the Year 2021 in the Middle East and Africa.

17-01 BESIX-Six Construct delivers the Infinity Bridge to Dubai's Road & Transport Authority. Its 42-metre steel arch represents the symbol of infinity, while the 12-lane, 295-metre-long bridge connects the districts of Al Shindagha and Al Ras, over the Dubai bay (UAE).



17-01 The Top Employer Institute awards BESIX Group the certification of Belgian Top Employer for the fourth time in a row. Each year, the organisation certifies companies worldwide where working conditions are outstanding and where equity and inclusion are a reality in the company's culture.

22-01 BESIX lifts and installs the last part of the metal structure of the Abidjan Exhibition Centre's façade (Ivory Coast).



28-01 BESIX-Six Construct delivers the Dubai Deep Tunnel Storm Water System. This 10-km-long, 11-metre-diameter tunnel, buried up to forty-five metres below the ground, drains 40 % of Dubai's urban area (UAE).

February

09-02 BESIX begins building 'Triangle', a 180-metre-tall tower set to be the third tallest in central Paris, and designed to comply with the BREEAM 'Excellent' and HQE Exceptional environmental certifications (France).



14-02 BESIX Watpac's teams in Sydney deliver the underground platforms for the Barangaroo metro station three weeks ahead of schedule (Australia).

15-02 Belgian consortium Hyoffwind signs an agreement with John Cockerill and BESIX to design and build a pioneering green hydrogen production unit in Zeebrugge (Belgium).

18-02 BESIX Group unites all colleagues through BESIX Radio. It connects over 2,000 people, with many colleagues taking part either in studio or remotely.



28-02 BESIX and its partners officially complete the renovation of the Annie Cordy Tunnel (former Leopold II Tunnel) for Brussels Mobility. Measuring 2,600 metres, it is the longest tunnel in the country, and a major strategic axis through which more than 60,000 vehicles pass every day. The renovation operations are now followed by a 25-year maintenance period (Belgium).

March

10-03 BESIX RED and AG Real Estate complete the sale of the emblematic and sustainable office project ICÔNE to AG Insurance in Belval (Luxembourg).

15-03 BESIX Group affiliate Van den Berg and Agidens Infra Automation join forces and rebrand as BESIX Unitec, acting as the leading technology partner in the infrastructure market (Belgium).

16-03 UCB, the Brussels-based global biopharmaceutical company, awards BESIX the contract to build its new facilities, including cutting-edge laboratories and R&D facilities, production areas, and office spaces (Belgium).

28-03 On the initiative of PFO Africa, the designer and builder of the project, BESIX participates in the development of the Abobo Town Hall roundabout in Abidjan, significantly improving access to the city. The contract awarded to BESIX includes civil works for the construction of a 560-metre-long tunnel (Ivory Coast).



29-03 BESIX Watpac completes construction of Jubilee Place in Brisbane, which will house the company's offices. This building and its impressive architecture attest to the company's operational and engineering capacity (Australia).



April

08-04 BESIX delivers the first phase of the new sustainable Paradis Express district in Liège to its client Befimmo, comprising three office and co-living blocks. BESIX and Wust continue to build four additional residential buildings for Matexi (Belgium).

14-04 The Sludge-to-Energy plant designed and built by BESIX-Six Construct in Ajman starts generating electricity. This plant transforms sewage sludge into biogas, and then renewable energy – a first for the region (UAE).

June

07-06 BESIX delivers the third and last building of the Nice Airport Promenade complex in the new business district of Nice (France).



13-06 The BESIX-Indaver consortium is awarded the contract for the design, construction, financing, and maintenance of a sewage sludge processing installation until 2046, by water treatment company Aquafin. The installation will recover energy and raw materials from the wastewater of four million Belgian citizens in Flanders (Belgium).

15-06 The King Albert II Institute, which BESIX's affiliate Wust is building in Brussels, is inaugurated in the presence of King Albert II himself – former King of the Belgians, and father of the current King Philippe (Belgium).



25-06 A new 800-tonne steel bridge across the Brussels Ring Road at Ave. Henneau is installed (Belgium).



27-06 One million Belgian homes are connected to fibre optics, the high-speed technology for ultra-fast internet. BESIX Unitec is one of the contractors in charge of the infrastructure and connection works.



29-06 Affiliate Wust and its partner deliver a new grandstand for the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, which hosts the annual Formula 1 Grand Prix (Belgium).



July

05-07 BESIX and Plenary Group achieve the financial close of the Zayed City Schools, the first PPP in school infrastructure in the country. It covers the financing, design, procurement, construction, commissioning, and 20 years of operations and maintenance of three new state-of-the-art school campuses (UAE).

07-07 BESIX and BESIX Infra, their client Infrabel, and partner TUC Rail inaugurate the new infrastructure that replaces all seven railway crossings in Diepenbeek, including a new underpass at the train station, three bridges, the raising and lengthening of train station platforms, and various roadworks (Belgium).

12-07 The Dubai Waste-to-Energy project celebrates 5 million man-hours without lost-time incident (UAE).



14-07 BESIX Group publishes the book 'Together', where 100 colleagues share their unique perspectives and experiences of Diversity & Inclusion.



14-07 Sluishuis, the iconic landmark in Amsterdam, is delivered after four years of construction. With its famous cantilever-shaped silhouette, this striking building developed by BESIX RED and built by BESIX is already an icon in the city's skyline (The Netherlands).



14-07 The first gigantic screw of the new Royers pumping station in Antwerp is installed (Belgium).



18-07 Christchurch City Council officially endorses the design and construct contract for the Te Kaha stadium to BESIX Watpac, as lead contractor in the Kōtui consortium to deliver the stadium (New Zealand).

29-07 With the installation of the last steel beam, the Mohammed VI Tower reaches its highest point of 250 metres (Morocco).



August

01-08 The new Neuilly-sur-Seine clinic receives a favourable notice for the opening of the hospital structure, paving the way for its final delivery (France).

11-08 Cargo vessels start using the wharf built by the BESIX-Vancouver Pile Driving joint venture in Kitimat (Canada).

26-08 Affiliate Socogetra celebrates the opening of its renovated concrete plant in Fernelmont (Belgium).

September

01-09 Affiliate Vanhout delivers the Louise Marie residences, the new Antwerp landmark with stunning glass features (Belgium).



02-09 Vejldirektoratet, the Danish Road Directorate, chooses BESIX and MT Højgaard Denmark to build the Nordhavn Tunnel in Copenhagen. This technically complex contract includes the design and construction of a 1.4-kilometre cut-and-cover road tunnel from Svanevænget across the Svanemøllehavn harbour and out to Nordhavn. Part of it will run under water for 700 metres.

09-09 BESIX RED contributes to a fundraising round for Square Sense, the leading PropTech platform that improves the energy and financial performance as well as the tenant satisfaction of real estate portfolios.

17-09 The navigation channel through the Vistula Spit peninsula is officially opened, marking the end of the project for BESIX and joint venture partner Grupa NDI (Poland).



20-09 BESIX reaches a major milestone in the State Road 318 project. The four fronts of excavation of the two tunnels (two fronts per tunnel) are completed (Italy).

22-09 The 4th BESIX Group CleanUp Day takes place around the globe.



24-09 Egypt's Prime Minister, H.E. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, visits the Grand Egyptian Museum to oversee the tremendous progress made, including the completion of the conference centre, the Solar Boat building, the entrance courtyard, the already world-famous grand staircase, and the King Tut-devoted ground floor.



October

05-10 The Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry awards the Dubai Chamber CSR Label to Six Construct, BESIX's subsidiary in the Middle East, for the tenth consecutive time (UAE).

19-10 With a level 5 certification on the CO₂ performance ladder, BESIX Europe and 11 subsidiaries of BESIX Group demonstrate their concrete commitment to decrease their CO₂ emissions and fight climate change.

21-10 The Sanaga River is successfully diverted on the Nachtigal hydroelectric project, before the start of the rain season (Cameroon).



24-10 The official opening of the Hornsby Hospital Stage 2 Redevelopment takes place in attendance of the State Treasurer and Health Minister (Australia).

24-10 Portonave, a subsidiary of Terminal Investment Limited and one of the world's largest container terminal operators, awards BESIX and Empresa Construtora Brasil an EPC contract for a series of marine works to improve the existing port infrastructure in the Port of Navegantes (Brazil).

30-10 The Dubai Uptown Tower team has recorded 20 million safe man-hours without lost-time injury since the project began in January 2019 (UAE).

November

15-11 World premiere for building site equipment: BESIX successfully operates an electric crawler crane for 10 working hours, unplugged, on the A16 project site (The Netherlands).



18-11 Rijkswaterstaat awards the reconstruction of the De Nieuwe Meer highway intersection in Amsterdam to the consortium consisting of BESIX, Dura Vermeer, and Heijmans (The Netherlands).

December

9-12 BESIX Watpac breaks ground on the Garden Drive Microsoft Data Centre. Located in Tullamarine, the Garden Drive Microsoft Data Centre is one of three new-generation data centres currently under construction in Melbourne, designed to meet the growing digital demands of Australian communities (Australia).

12-12 BESIX is awarded a gold medal by EcoVadis, which analyses environmental, labour and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement performance of businesses around the world.

14-12 BESIX RED and Immoel announce the closing of the sale of the Cours Saint-Michel site in Brussels to the United States Government. The strategically located project will allow the U.S. Embassy to the Kingdom of Belgium and the U.S. Mission to the European Union to consolidate its diplomatic representations in Brussels in a secure, sustainable, and modern workplace (Belgium).