

The North and South side of Chopok mountain will be linked again

DEMÄNOVSKÁ DOLINA (JUNE 24, 2011) – Waiting for a cableway, which will link both sides of Chopok mountain, has ended. The decision was made by the Building Authority in Bratislava, which has definitely approved building of a 24-seat cableway last week. The dream of many skiers and tourists will come true soon.

This plan will be fulfilled by a cableway system called Funitel, which ranks among the most modern technologies worldwide. The management of Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. chose this system due to its ability to operate at a 120 km/hour wind speed. Thereby, the windiest location in Slovakia will guarantee year-round transportation.

People from the Tatras can be proud of the next novelty, only the 14th cableway of its kind in the world, since the winter season 2012/2013. An interesting fact is the fixation on two ropes, which, except for higher security enables transportation in windy conditions. The ride to the peak of Chopok will go from the station Priehyba (the terminal station of 6-seat cableway), and the visitors of the Low Tatras can get to the peak of Chopok in just 6 and a half minutes.

The transportation capacity of the new cableway will be 2480 persons/hour, every cabin travels the distance of more than 2000 meters and also climbs 655 meters. In comparison with chairlifts, the transportation speed increases to 7 m/s. According to positive experience the cableway will be the new model of cableway from the leading producer of these systems, the Doppelmayr company.



“The dream of many skiers about an easy link of the north side of Chopok mountain with the south one started by building of the first section Záhradky – Priehyba. Thanks to the Funitel we mitigate the dependence on weather conditions. The shutdown of the upper part of the resort because of the wind will be past and we will make the trails in the South accessible without any limitations,” said Bohuš Hlavatý, chairman of the TMR Board.

A perceptible fact is, that after finishing the Funitel the transportation capacity will attract a record number of 30 thousands persons per hour, the highest transportation capacity in Slovakia.

The good news for the skiers is the fact that starting the following winter season TMR will put technical snow into operation in the upper section of the resort, which till now relied on natural snow only. “Thereby we will assure a sufficient area of the trails for comfortable and quality skiing in this location, operated by the most modern cableways in Slovakia”, added Hlavatý.

Skiing in Jasná will have another dimension due to more kilometres of technically snowed trails, and in winter 2012/2013 the Funitel will fundamentally change the transportation quality provided by the resorts in Slovakia. We may already look forward to it.

Tatry mountain resorts, a.s. is the largest subject in tourism segment in the Slovak Republic. It owns and operates attractive ski resorts and hotels in the Low and in the High Tatras. TMR's portfolio includes the resort Jasná Nízke Tatry and the hotel Grand Jasná, Tri studničky and Ski Záhradky hotels in the Low Tatras. In the High Tatras TMR owns and operates the resorts Tatranská Lomnica, Grandhotel Starý Smokovec and Liptovská Teplička as well as hotels Grandhotel Praha Tatranská Lomnica and Grandhotel Starý Smokovec and Hotel FIS Štrbské pleso. The TMR Company has already invested over EUR 70 million of capital expenditures into these resorts, and plans to spend additional EUR 65 million on the projects, which are to be focused on increasing the standard and visit rate of our mountains for the following years. The last TMR acquisition is the Aquapark Tatralandia, the biggest Slovak thermal aquapark, which offers except for water entertainment also the entertainment in Wild West style in Western City as well as accomodation in bungalows and apartments of Holiday Village Tatralandia.