



Prime contractor for demolishing Tower B in the Cité des Cyprès in Marseille

Paris, 21 July 2016 – Another tower block was demolished today, Thursday 21 July, in Marseille. Tower B in the Cité des Cyprès, in the city's northern neighbourhood, was blasted at 10:27 am precisely.

This 22-floor tower block stood at a height of 62 metres and was mainly constructed with reinforced concrete. Its specific H-shaped structure required greater vigilance when setting up the blasting plan.

221 kilograms of explosives were needed, spread over 6 floors (the intermediate floors, the 4th, the 6th, the 8th, the 12th and the 16th). The security cordon, established at a 200-metre radius from the building meant that 1,000 residents from the area had to be evacuated.

Ginger Group, via its specialized subsidiary Ginger CEBTP Démolition, was prime contractor for the demolition, drew up the blasting plan and supervised the operation when the explosives were detonated. Ginger CEBTP Démolition worked hand-in-hand with the construction/dismantling companies Cardem and Groupe Morin for the structural soft-stripping and pre-weakening phases and for blasting the tower block.

Key figures:

- 221 kg of explosives
- 13,000 m² of surface area demolished
- 1,060 detonators - 23 dust-minimization bays
- 1,250 metres drilled for placing the explosives

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