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WEBUILD CONSORTIUM SELECTED AS PREFERRED BIDDER FOR NORTH EAST LINK PROJECT IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

MILAN, June 25, 2021 - Webuild, as part of the Spark consortium, has been announced as the preferred bidder for the tunnelling package of Melbourne's much anticipated North East Link road project, the biggest of its kind in the state of Victoria.

In addition to Webuild, the consortium includes GS Engineering and Construction, CPB Contractors, China Construction Oceania, Ventia, Capella Capital, John Laing Investments, DIF and Pacific Partnerships.

The tunnelling package will provide three-lane twin tunnels that will finally close the missing link in Melbourne's freeway network. Up to 135,000 vehicles will use the North East Link every day, reducing congestion in the city's north-east while maintaining local roads for local trips and the environmental impact.

This latest achievement by Webuild confirms its commitment to the country, one of its core markets.

Webuild is leading the construction of Snowy 2.0, the biggest hydropower project in the country in the neighbouring state of New South Wales.

In Perth in Western Australia, it is nearing the completion of the Forrestfield-Airport Link, a rail line that will connect the city's eastern suburbs with the central business district.

Webuild, the new group born in 2020 from Salini Impregilo, is a leading global player in the construction of large, complex projects for sustainable mobility, clean hydro energy, clean water, green buildings, supporting clients in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Group is the expression of 115 years of engineering experience applied in 50 countries on five continents with 70,000 direct and indirect employees from more than 100 nationalities. Recognized for five years by Engineering News-Record (ENR) as the world leader in water infrastructure (such as dams, hydraulic tunnels, water and wastewater management, and water treatment and desalination plants), it ranks since 2018 among the top 10 in the environment sector and it is also leader in sustainable mobility (especially metro and rail lines, in addition to roads and bridges). A signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, the Group's expertise is displayed in projects such as the M4 metro line in Milan, Grand Paris Express, Cityringen in Copenhagen, Sydney Metro Northwest, Red Line North Underground in Doha, Line 3 of the Riyadh Metro and the high-speed railways in Italy. Other projects include the new Genoa Bridge and the Gerald Desmond replacement bridge in Long Beach, California, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Snowy 2.0 hydroelectric power station in Australia, the Rogun hydroelectric dam in Tajikistan, the Anacostia River and Northeast Boundary tunnels in Washington, D.C. and the Al Bayt 2022 World Cup stadium in Qatar. In 2020, the Group's total order backlog reached €41.7 billion, with 89% of the backlog of construction orders involving projects that support the SDGs set by the United Nations. Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori SpA, is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: WBD; Reuters: WBD.MI; Bloomberg: WBD:IM).

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