

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## SALINI IMPREGILO GROUP INVESTS IN SUSTAINABILITY IN ARGENTINA AND ACQUIRES \$215M RIACHUELO MEGAPROJECT

MILAN, June 28, 2019 – Fisia Italimpianti of the Salini Impregilo Group has acquired a contract worth \$215 million to build Lot 2 of the Riachuelo system in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a mega engineering and infrastructure project to reduce pollution in the Riachuelo River, the most polluted in the country.

With the contract awarded, performed for Agua y Saneamientos Argentinos S.A. (Aysa), the Salini Impregilo Group, which is already involved in Lot 3 of the Riachuelo system, confirms its strategic role in the development of an important project to fight pollution in the Argentinian capital.

Environmental sustainability is one of the drivers of the commercial development plan of the Salini Impregilo Group and Fisia Italimpianti, which has always been committed to the development of avantgarde technology involving pollution and the supply of potable water, especially on the Arabian Peninsula. It is a sectorial leadership that is based not only on technical expertise, but also on the support of the entire Group, enabling Fisia Italimpianti to compete on international markets. This is the idea behind Progetto Italia (Project Italy), an operation launched by Salini Impregilo to consolidate the construction sector in Italy in order to seize better opportunities throughout the world.

The new project will see Fisia Italimpianti develop, within a 36-month period, a pre-treatment wastewater plant and accompanying pumping stations with a capacity of 27 cubic metres per second that will make it one of the biggest plants of its kind in the world.

The project is the second of three lots of the Riachuelo system that will contribute to improving the severe environmental conditions of the Matanza Riachuelo River Basin, guaranteeing flexibility and safety to the water purification system of Buenos Aires and having a direct impact on the health and quality of life of its 4.3 million residents.

To be completed by 2022, the Riachuelo system will treat 2,332,800 cubic metres of wastewater a day. Given its social and environmental importance, the \$1.2-billion cost of the system is supported financially by the World Bank.

Based in Genoa with more than 90 years of experience, Fisia Italimpianti is present in Argentina since 2017. With this project, it enters the South American market for water treatment plants. It operates in markets such as Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, with its growth based on the global trend of rising demand for water. In light of the fact that some 20% of the global population suffers from water scarcity, the United Nations foresees that this figure will rise to 40% by 2025, emphasising the need to increase as quickly as possible the capacity to produce potable water and treat wastewater, Fisia Italimpianti's core business.



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Salini Impregilo is one of the major global players in the construction of large, complex civil infrastructure. It is a leader in the water sector such as dams and water treatment plants, as well as transport, where it is involved in the biggest sustainable mobility projects in rail and metro systems. Its record includes some of the world's most iconic projects in bridges, roads and motorways, civil and industrial buildings, and airports. The Group has 113 years of engineering experience on five continents, with design, engineering and construction operations in nearly 50 countries and more than 35,000 employees from more than 100 nationalities. It is a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact as it pursues the sustainable development goals of its clients, from clean water and energy to sustainable mobility to buildings with a low environmental impact. Its expertise is displayed in projects such as the Grand Paris Express metro system, Cityringen in Copenhagen, Sydney Metro Northwest, Red Line North Underground in Doha and Line 3 of the Riyadh Metro. Other projects include the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Rogun hydroelectric dam in Tajikistan, the Anacostia River and Northeast Boundary tunnels in Washington, D.C. and the Al Khor 2022 World Cup stadium in Qatar. In 2018, new orders totalled €6.0 billion, with a total backlog reaching €33.4 billion. Salini Impregilo Group is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: SAL; Reuters: SALI.MI; Bloomberg: SAL:IM).

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