

PRESS NOTE

SALINI IMPREGILO ASSISTS IN WEC 2019 OPENING: THE “OLYMPICS OF ENGINEERING” IN AUSTRALIA

MILAN, November 21, 2019 – “We have to focus on sustainability, resilience, adaptability, livability and intelligence. Our main goal is to create infrastructure systems that enable current and future generations to live in an environment in which everyone can prosper and feel connected to one another,” said Marco Assorati, executive director for Australia and Oceania at Salini Impregilo, at the opening of the World Engineers Convention (WEC 2019), one of the world’s most important events in the infrastructure sector. Held every four years, the latest edition was hosted in Melbourne, Australia between November 20-22.

“Engineering a Sustainable World: The Next 100 Years” as its overarching theme, it is addressing one of the most pressing issues of the moment: how innovation in civil engineering can help cities become technologically smart and develop sustainably to improve the people’s lives – an expertise that Salini Impregilo is bringing to the Australian market.

Described by its organisers as the “Olympics of Engineering”, the three-day convention is being attended by more than 1,300 people from more than 70 countries. The first plenary session was dedicated to the importance of introducing smart, flexible infrastructure to support cities as they face the challenges posed by growing economies and populations – all the while trying to meet the Sustainable Development Goals set out by the United Nations.

It is a challenge that is recognised in the political debate in Australia as the country faces an expected growth in population of 40% by 2040, concentrated in four cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. Underlying the challenge of creating flexible cities with the technology to deal with this rapid development was the 2018 report “Flexible Cities. The Future of Australian Infrastructure” by The Economist Intelligence Unit and promoted by Salini Impregilo along with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), among the country’s best. It is with this same university that the Group is providing support to engineering students.

Australia is spending billions on infrastructure, with the collaboration between the public and private sectors on energy, transport and social infrastructure described by consultant McKinsey & Co as one of the most advanced in the world.

This long-term vision has Salini Impregilo preparing to develop Snowy 2.0, the biggest hydropower project in the country; work on the Forrestfield-Airport Link, a light rail line linking Perth’s eastern suburbs with the city centre: and provide the skytrain bridge and viaduct for Sydney Metro Northwest.

Salini Impregilo is one of the major global players in the construction of large, complex civil infrastructure. For five years it has been ranked No. 1 in the water infrastructure sector by Engineering News-Record (ENR) and as of 2018 has achieved ranking in the Top Ten of the Top Environmental Firms. It is also a leader in the transport infrastructure sector, being involved in major sustainable mobility projects in rail and metro systems around the world. It has successfully built some of the world’s most iconic projects: 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 over 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 Bayt 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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