

PRESS NOTE

FISIA ITALIMPIANTI: 50 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN DESALINATION IN FIGHT AGAINST WATER SCARCITY WATER FOR 20 MILLION PEOPLE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

MILAN, November 27, 2019 – More than 20 million people, equivalent to two-thirds of the population of Saudi Arabia, use water that is supplied on a daily basis by desalination plants built by Fisia Italimpianti. Under the slogan “The Future Comes from Far Away”, it is celebrating 50 years of service in the sector, the same year during which the Shuaibah III Expansion II desalination plant was inaugurated in Saudi Arabia, a ceremony that was attended by HRH Prince Khalid bin Faisal Al Saud, governor of Makkah Province.

With its consolidated expertise and experience, Fisia Italimpianti offers solutions with the highest level of technology to meet the specific requirements of its clients with full consideration of the geographical context in which they find themselves. It produces 4.4 million cubic metres a day at plants that it has built and is building throughout the world. The desalination technology that it deploys allows it to supply potable water for daily use in the private and public realms, from industrial processes to healthcare services. They help further global efforts to achieve at least one of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations: the responsible use of water. It is a goal whose relevance increases amid the expected growth in demand for water in the coming decades. Some 40% of the global population faces conditions of water scarcity while two-thirds of the population is expected by the United Nations to live under water stressed conditions by 2025.

For half a century, Fisia Italimpianti has built some of the largest plants in the world, especially in the Middle East, where there is a severe lack of water. In the only region of the world where fossil fuels are more abundant than fresh water, the biggest challenge is desalination and reducing dependence on black gold by means of the production of energy from renewable resources. Desalination and becoming one of the most modern frontiers in clean energy is the ambitious goal of Gulf countries thanks to billions of investment in sustainable infrastructure and water treatment and desalination, the core business of Fisia Italimpianti.

Fisia Italimpianti’s portfolio ranges from thermal to membrane (reverse osmosis) desalination technologies, where there is a consolidated experience as an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) or design and build contractor. Its main projects include the Salahah Independent Water Project, its first in Oman; the Jebel Ali M, among the iconic desalination plants in the world that was the biggest in the United Arab Emirates when it was built; the Ras Abu Fontas complex near Doha; and the Mirfa in Abu Dhabi.

Sustainable development is one of the main tenets of the Salini Impregilo Group. As world leader in the water sector for five years, it has enabled Fisia Italimpianti with its 90 years in the treatment of water and wastewater to compete more effectively in international markets. It is an advantage that the Group aims to strengthen with Progetto Italia, a plan to consolidate the fragmented infrastructure sector in Italy to create a group with more scale and resources.

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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