

PRESS NOTE

NAMIBIA: NECKARTAL DAM INAUGURATED, THE LARGEST DAM IN THE COUNTRY BUILT BY SALINI IMPREGILO TO IRRIGATE THE DESERT

Milan - March 17, 2020 – The Neckartal Dam is a fundamental infrastructure that will provide water for Namibia's desert. It will irrigate 5,000 hectares of land, promoting agriculture and employment. The dam, the largest in this southern African country, was built by Salini Impregilo and inaugurated just a few days ago. It is the symbol of a Namibia that wishes to move forward after the emergencies of these past years, caused by the severe drought, by implementing environmentally sustainable works aimed at guaranteeing a secure water supply and the Country's food independence.

Salini Impregilo built the dam located at 40 km west of Keetmanshoop, in the Karas region, in the southern part of Namibia. The infrastructure is part of the first phase of the Neckartal Irrigation Scheme (NIS), which through irrigation will guarantee the area's agricultural development, especially for cultivating products such as lucerne, grapes and dates. The water will be provided by the dam, subsequently flowing downhill for 13 km, until it finally reaches an extraction well. The NIS water supply system will then transport it to the irrigated areas, and then to then single agricultural areas.

The dam was built using the Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) construction technique. It is 78.5 metres high and 518 metres long. By using the waters from the nearby rivers, it has a storage volume of 857 million cubic metres of water, over a 39 km² area.

The dam was built with over 1.1 million hours of zero lost work day injuries, since July 2018, a record-breaking feat in terms of Health and Safety. In Keetmanshoop and in the nearby areas, a total of 5,500 jobs were also created: 3,000 workers were hired directly and 2,500 indirectly. 65% of these workers came from the Karas region.

When the irrigation of the nearby areas will have reached its peak potential, an additional 4,000 jobs will be created (directly and indirectly). The dam, besides contributing to producing food for the region's farming, will also have a positive impact on tourism and the economy in general of Keetmanshoop and nearby areas.

Salini Impregilo has been active in Africa for almost 70 years in the construction of projects which have contributed to the economic and infrastructural growth of the continent and to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations. The Group is one of the world leaders in infrastructure for the Water sector, according to the ENR ranking. The Group's business sectors cover the entire water cycle, from supplying water for drinking and irrigation purposes to the final treatment of wastewater. Over 20 million people are served, each day, by the plants built by the Group's subsidiary, Fisia Italmimpianti. An additional 14 million people will benefit from the hydraulic infrastructures currently being built by the Group, in addition to 7 thousand hectares of new irrigable land, thanks to the dams for irrigation purposes currently under construction.

Salini Impregilo is one of the leading global players in the construction of large, complex infrastructure for sustainable mobility, clean hydro energy, clean water, green buildings, supporting clients in achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). The Group is the expression of 114 years of engineering experience applied in 50 countries on five continents with 50,000 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. 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 also ranks among the leaders of CDP (former Carbon Disclosure Project)'s Climate Change program. 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 new Gerald Desmond 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 2019, new orders totalled €8.1 billion, with a total backlog reaching €36.2 billion. Some 85% of the backlog for construction orders involves projects tied to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations (SDGs), while 60% concerns the reduction of greenhouse emissions. Salini Impregilo 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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