

PRESS NOTE

SALINI IMPREGILO GROUP (WEBUILD) REACHES MILESTONE ON NEBT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

WORK PROCEEDS IN FULL RESPECT OF SAFETY RULES TO PREVENT CONTAGION

MILAN, April 16, 2020 – Salini Impregilo (Webuild) and its U.S. subsidiary Lane Construction have reached a milestone on the Northeast Boundary Tunnel (NEBT) environmental protection project in Washington, D.C., with a breakthrough by a tunnel-boring machine (TBM) nicknamed Chris, bringing to 60% the completion of the excavation work despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency.

The Group has adopted extraordinary safety measures at its construction sites throughout the world in order to be able to keep them open. The sites include the one in Washington, D.C. and 46 others across the United States. In its home market of Italy, there is the new M4 metro line in Milan and the bridge under construction in Genoa. Nearly 50,000 direct and indirect workers are following the safety rules while a 500-strong task force is monitoring the situation at a global level.

The NEBT, a \$580 million project part of the Clean Rivers Project of DC Water, is the tunnel that will improve the water quality of the Anacostia River by increasing the capacity of the existing sewer system to manage flooding during heavy rainstorms.

“To date, the portion of the Anacostia River Tunnel that is in service has prevented more than 7 billion gallons (*about 26,5 billion litres*) of combined sewage and 3,500 tons of trash from entering the Anacostia, bringing a resurgence to the waterfront. The Northeast Boundary Tunnel in particular will significantly reduce sewer backups and chronic flooding in the Bloomingdale and LeDroit Park and other neighborhoods adjacent to Rhode Island Ave, NE,” said David L. Gadis, CEO and General Manager of DC Water.

With the breakthrough, the TBM Chris has reached the W Street shaft, the only in-line shaft that it will cross during its 8.2-kilometre journey underneath the U.S. capital. The tunnel, with a 7-metre diameter, goes from the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium at the intersection between Rhode Island Avenue NW and 6th Street NW. It will be aligned to intersect the existing chronic flood areas along Rhode Island Avenue NW. In times of flooding, the tunnel will receive flows from the sewer system captured by diversion facilities and convey them to DC Water’s Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once connected to the Clean Rivers tunnel network, the NEBT will reduce by 98% the volume of untreated water that would otherwise flow into the Anacostia River.

The Anacostia River Tunnel project is the first component of the Clean Rivers Project, one of the biggest and complex projects constructed by the Lane-Salini Impregilo joint-venture team in the support of clients to develop projects to protect the environment.

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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