

PRESS RELEASE

**WORK ON GENOA'S NODO FERROVIARIO (RAILWAY HUB) RESTARTS:
MORE THAN 5,500 WORKERS FROM WEBUILD, SUPPLY CHAIN ON HUB, BRIDGE AND TERZO VALICO
TO RELAUNCH LIGURIA REGION**

MILAN, July 21, 2020 - "We start work on Genoa's Nodo Ferroviario (railway hub) with the same determination and pragmatism that we have shown in completing the new bridge. And we are doing it because Liguria, with the Terzo Valico (dei Giovi) project and the Nodo, can make up for this lack of infrastructure that Italy in general can no longer allow itself. It is something that takes away time, money and opportunities to develop something for current and future generations. There are more than 5,500 people working with us on the bridge, the Terzo Valico and the Nodo." These are the comments made by Pietro Salini, Chief Executive of Webuild, at the inauguration of work on the Nodo in Genoa. Also present were Italian Infrastructure and Transport Minister Paola De Micheli; Calogero Mauceri, extraordinary commissioner for the Terzo Valico dei Giovi and the Nodo; Maurizio Gentile, Chief Executive of Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI); and Genoa Archbishop Monsignore Marco Tasca

"Italy needs integrated projects for the long term and invest in them with resources that already exist," said Salini. "Restarting work on the Nodo Ferroviario tells the story of Webuild, a Group that is stronger thanks to Progetto Italia, an initiative being conducted at the national level that involves some of the main companies in construction to kick-start the sector in Italy. It will ensure the continuity of strategic projects, the expertise and excellence of companies along the supply chain, and jobs for trades. The Genoa Model of good sense and collaboration, of accomplishing a lot while saying few words, must become the Italian model."

Restarting work on the tunnels following the signing of a contract between RFI and Consorzio COCIV (the general contractor for the design and construction of the Terzo Valico dei Giovi led by the Webuild Group) brings to an end a two-year suspension of a strategic project that will establish a connection with Terzo Valico dei Giovi. The strengthening of the Nodo's infrastructure in Genoa will ensure a connection with Terzo Valico that the port of Genoa needs for the coming and going of cargo trains. It will allow for the separate management of traffic for regional trains and those that do longer journeys. This will consequently increase the offer of regional and urban train services.

The Nodo project foresees the completion of civil works on the Colombo, San Tomaso and Polcevera tunnels in 30 months at a cost of €120 million. Terzo Valico, Nodo Ferroviario and the Campasso cargo train stop belong to a single project from 2019 valued at about €6.9 billion. It will accelerate work on the new railway between Genoa and the Po Valley, which is 40% complete and saw the involvement of Webuild and Astaldi, which is being folded into the Group.

RFI and COCIV also signed a contract for a route that will link the new railway section to Novi Ligure in Piemonte, and build a stop for cargo trains at San Bovo. Along the rail network of the Terzo Valico dei Giovi, cargo and passenger trains will travel at 250 kilometres an hour, improving links between northern Italy and the rest of Europe.

Once up and running, the Terzo Valico will offer train connections between Genoa and Milan in 50 minutes compared with the current one hour and 39 minutes. In addition to the construction of the high-speed section of the railway, there will also be the construction of four interchanges for Voltri, Genova Parco Campo, Novi Ligure and Tortona. The new railway will also be connected to these.

"The priority – in order to create jobs and bring confidence to Italians in this moment of crisis - must be to unblock quickly infrastructure projects that have already been planned, as well as simplify processes to start up new infrastructure inside strategic plans for schools, hospitals, metro and rail lines, requalification of urban areas. To get these projects to start up means guaranteeing Italy a sustainable future and a plan to



help the GDP recover and create employment in a sector that in Italy represents a strategic sector, with 8% of the GDP and more than one million jobs,” concluded Salini.

Webuild, the new group born in 2020 from Salini Impregilo, is a leading global player in the construction of large, complex projects 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 and 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'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. Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori SpA, is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: WBD; Reuters: WBD.MI; Bloomberg: WBD:IM).

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