

PRESS NOTE

BICOCCA-CATENANUOVA:

430 PEOPLE, 200-STRONG SUPPLY CHAIN AT WORK ON WEBUILD'S SICILY RAILWAY PROJECT

MILAN, October 28, 2020 – Direct and indirect workers totalling 430 and a supply chain of about 200 companies from Italy, especially the local area: they represent the trades, sub-contractors and suppliers of the Bicocca-Catenanuova railway section being developed by the Webuild Group in Sicily during the COVID-19 pandemic in full respect of safety norms.

The section is part of the biggest infrastructure project being overseen by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (Gruppo Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane) in Sicily: the expansion of a railway line to allow trains to go at speeds of up to 200 kilometres per hour between Palermo and Catania, reducing the travel time between the island's two main cities to under two hours. The €192-million project being developed by the consortium led by Webuild will double the section's capacity for 38 kilometres. Work is scheduled to be completed by 2023.

In accordance with its vision of sustainability, Webuild has hired workers and chosen about 60% its suppliers and sub-suppliers from the local area. It has also sought solutions and processes to reduce the project's environmental impact, such as the reuse of spoils and other materials produced by the construction site.

The project belongs to a sustainable mobility initiative promoted by the European Union to create the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) network that will connect and improve the functioning of the continent's rail network.

With a track record of 13,637 kilometres of rail and metro lines, Webuild is working on similar projects elsewhere in Italy, such as the Terzo Valico dei Giovi, a high-speed/high-capacity railway that will connect Genova with Rotterdam on the TEN-T's Rhine-Alpine Corridor. It is also working on the high-capacity railway between Naples and Bari.

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 70,000 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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