

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **ASTALDI (WEBUILD GROUP): ROAD SECTION OF THE MARCHE-UMBRIA QUADRILATERAL IN ITALY OPENS TO TRAFFIC WORKS TO START SOON FOR THE TWO LATEST LOTS OF THE *PEDEMONTANA DELLE MARCHE***

*Milan, December 23, 2020* - Astaldi (Webuild Group), continues to work on the Marche-Umbria Quadrilateral road axis, a strategic road artery for the economic development of central Italy. Today, the new section in the province of Ancona opened to traffic. 370 employees, and an Italian supply chain of over 200 small and medium-sized enterprises, including suppliers and subcontractors, are working on the project, abiding by the rigid Covid 19 safety protocols.

The inaugurated section extends for 2 kilometers, moving along the route that goes from the *Galleria Naturale Mariani* (Mariani Natural Tunnel) to the *Galleria Naturale Gola della Rossa* (*Gola della Rossa Natural Tunnel*). It comprises 4 natural tunnels, 2 viaducts and a junction. These works bring the progressive advancement of the entire infrastructure, which measures over 65 kilometres, to over 60%. They will strengthen the area's sustainable mobility, making it easier to travel, while also creating environmental benefits. The Quadrilateral axis was commissioned by Anas and will guarantee a 20% reduction of current travel times on the Perugia-Ancona route. It will reduce traffic on ordinary roads, reducing estimated air pollutants to 80% for the inhabited areas that it crosses. Activities are now proceeding with a view of opening an additional 7.5 kilometers of motorway by Spring 2021. Today's opening to traffic also follows the final approval by Anas of the last two further lots of the new infrastructure, for the part of the route concerning the *Pedemontana delle Marche*. Astaldi will be handed over the areas to start these new works in a short while.

In a year marked by the current health emergency, the Quadrilateral project belongs to Webuild Group's intention for an economic and occupational revival that focuses on infrastructure. Last May, also in the road sector, the Group started works on a fundamental project that will develop Southern Italy: Mega Lot 3 of the Ionian Motorway. The section will be 38 kilometres long, running within one kilometre of the old route to help connect the Ionian coastlines in the regions of Calabria, Basilicata and Puglia.

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