

PRESS NOTE

PIETRO SALINI: ITALY'S REVIVAL STARTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

MILAN, February 25, 2021 – “What’s the best thing that a company can do today? Invest in the future, nurture the next generation, invest in universities and, most of all, do it together. This is the new model to adopt to contribute to making Italy ever more competitive in the world,” said Pietro Salini, Chief Executive of the Webuild Group, told a news conference held to present UniWeLab, a research laboratory created by Webuild and the University of Genoa, the latest example of the Group’s interest in the Italian region of Liguria and its young people.

“Genoa is a city with a glorious history,” he added. “And it will have a beautiful future if this generation is able to work to turn it into a port that acts as the starting point for the distribution of merchandise across Europe. With a high-speed railway that will act as a virtual metro line between Genoa and Milan, we will connect Genoa with the rest of Europe. We will allow this extraordinary place, home to hundreds of years of art, beauty and culture, to keep its dynamic spirit. We have to give this region the opportunity to do things – and there is a lot to do. Our country has an infrastructure programme that serves as a great opportunity to change for the better. And Webuild plans to contribute by providing creative solutions to meet the demands of the future in a sustainable way. We are all on the front line in facing the challenges posed by the future.”

The collaboration with the University of Genoa is the latest in a series of training, financial support and talent recruitment initiatives for young people that Webuild has been leading for a number of years in partnership with many universities in Italy and abroad. They are aimed at professional training: from talent selection to participation in construction sites in countries where the Group operates to tutoring for careers in construction – all with the aim of bringing value to communities. The Group also promotes partnerships in research and innovation within the context of Open Innovation, as shown by UniWeLab. Other agreements have been reached with Italian universities such as Politecnico di Milan, Bocconi University and others in countries of interest such as the University of Technology Sydney and University of Melbourne.

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 115 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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