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WEBUILD GROUP SELECTED AS BEST BIDDER FOR €1.07B FORTEZZA-PONTE GARDENA RAILWAY EXTENDING FROM BRENNER BASE TUNNEL

MILAN, March 4, 2021 – Webuild Group has been selected as best bidder to design and build a €1.07-billion high-capacity railway for about 22.5 kilometres that would extend from the Brenner Base Tunnel between Fortezza and Ponte Gardena.

The selection comes after the Group was recently announced as best bidder for a €1.26-billion project to design and build sections B2 and C of the Pedemontant Lombarda highway project, bringing to about €2.3 billion the combined value of the two new possible projects.

Commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana S.p.A. (RFI) to a consortium led by Webuild Group with a 51% stake and Implenia as partner, this latest project would expand by four times, mostly underground, the Verona-Fortezza line at the southern end of the Brenner Base Tunnel along the Munich-Verona railway axis. It would include underground interconnections and other works for Ponte Gardena. It would also improve the Munich-Verona line by adopting standards that exceed the speed and performance limits of the existing line, which currently obliges trains to travel at relatively slower speeds, especially on inclines.

Webuild is already working on three major construction sites for the Brenner Base Tunnel, an iconic project for sustainable mobility in Europe. The sites include Mules 2-3, the main section at the Italian end of the tunnel with 75 kilometres of tunnels; Lot Tulfes-Pfons that includes underground civil works for 38 kilometres of tunnels; and the underground crossing of the Isarco River, near the southern exit of the Brenner Base Tunnel before the Fortezza station.

At a planned 64 kilometres, the Brenner Base Tunnel will become the longest railway tunnel in the world and a key part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor of the Trans-European Network (TEN-T), aimed at improving railway connections across the continent.

Webuild is involved in a number of sustainable mobility projects related to TEN-T in Italy and elsewhere. For the Scandinavia-Mediterranean Corridor, it is working on the Naples-Cancello and Apice-Hirpinia sections of the high-speed/high-capacity between Naples and Bari. In Sicily, it is working on Bicocca-Catenanuova section of the Palermo-Catania rail line. Along the TEN-T's Rhine-Alpine Corridor, which will link the ports of Genoa and Rotterdam, there is the Terzo Valico dei Giovi, a high-speed/high-capacity railway among Genoa, Turin and Milan.

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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