

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **WEBUILD GROUP CONSORTIUM WINS €80M GOTTHARD TUNNEL SECTION CONTRACT**

MILAN, March 18, 2021 – Webuild Group and its consortium partners have won a contract worth about 80 million euros to build a four-kilometre-long access tunnel at the north end of the Gotthard Tunnel in a project that will prepare for the expansion of the highway that runs through the tunnel, and contribute to the development of sustainable mobility at the heart of the Alps. With a joint 40% stake, Webuild and its Swiss subsidiary csc impresa costruzioni sa is member of a consortium whose partners include Implenia with a 40% stake and Frutiger at 20%.

Commissioned by the Federal Roads Office, the project - Lot 243 of the N02 Second Gotthard Tunnel - foresees the construction of an access tunnel, early development of the area, the excavation of a logistical underground space for a cement plant, preliminary excavations for the second tunnel and other installations for the management of materials. Work is to begin this spring and last for about two and a half years. Lot 243 precedes by a number of months the tenders for two bigger lots for the rest of the project.

Csc worked on two of the five main lots of the Gotthard Base Tunnel, which runs from the northern portal at Erstfeld in the Uri Canton to Bodio in the south in the Ticino Canton. Csc also worked on the Ceneri Base Tunnel. Inaugurated in September, it runs for 15.4 kilometres and completes the rail line service for goods and people across the Alps. The new north-south axis connects more efficiently and sustainably Switzerland and Italy. Travel between Zurich and Lugano has been reduced to less than two hours, and down to nearly three hours between Zurich and Milan.

With its 57 kilometres, the Gotthard Base Tunnel is the longest railway tunnel in the world. But this record will be beaten when the Brenner Base Tunnel is completed at 64 kilometres. The sustainable mobility project will improve transport in Europe on which Webuild is working on three major sites: the Mules 2-3, the main section at the Italian end of the tunnel and the Lot Tulfes-Pfons that includes underground civil works and the Isarco River Underpass at the southernmost end of the tunnel before the Fortezza station. The Group, in consortium with Implenia, was recently selected as best bidder to design and build a €1.07-billion high-capacity railway for about 22.5 kilometres extending from the Brenner Base Tunnel between Fortezza and Ponte Gardena.

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*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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