

PRESS RELEASE

WEBUILD WINS €1.003B HIGH-CAPACITY RAILWAY CONTRACT IN SICILY WORK TO DOUBLE LINE BETWEEN MESSINA AND CATANIA

MILAN, March 19, 2021 – The Webuild Group has won a contract worth €1.003 billion to double the high-capacity railway between the cities of Messina and Catania in Sicily along the Giampilieri–Fiumefreddo section, known as the Second Functional Taormina–Giampilieri Lot. It is the latest project on the Italian island to be assigned to Webuild to support the development of sustainable mobility and provide work for the local supply chain.

The project, commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana – RFI (Gruppo FS Italiane), will be led by Webuild in a consortium in which it will have a 70% stake. Partner Pizzarotti will have the remaining 30%.

Work on the lot entails the construction of a new railway for 28.3 kilometres that will include the civil and related works such as electrification, signalling and communications. It will also foresee the excavation of two natural single tunnels, six parallel tunnels and seven viaducts.

The Taormina-Giampilieri lot will be part of a new line between Messina and Catania that will join the existing one ahead of the Fiumefreddo station, then reconnect to it at the Giampilieri station. Most of the line will be through tunnels and further away from the coast than the existing line. It will include a hub at Fiumefreddo, a new underground station at Taormina, five new open-air stops. The Letojanni station will remain.

In Sicily, the Webuild Group is already working on the Bicocca-Catenanuova section of the Palermo-Catania railway that will allow trains to go at speeds of up to 200 kilometres per hour. It is developing the €192-million project in a consortium that employs 430 people, directly and indirectly, as well as a supply chain of nearly 200 businesses, mostly local. The Palermo-Catania and Messina-Catania lines belong to a sustainable mobility initiative promoted by the European Union to create the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) network to 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 to connect Genova with Rotterdam along 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 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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