

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: FIRST OF THREE VIADUCTS OF 2,500 TONNES INSTALLED ON NAPLES-CANCELLO SECTION OF NAPLES-BARI HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY

- **Strategic sustainable mobility project for southern Italy: Naples-Bari travel time cut in half to just two hours, and six hours for Milan-Bari**
- **600 people working directly and indirectly on Naples-Cancello, Apice-Hirpinia sections**
- **About 300 businesses from local supply chain contributing to Naples-Cancello section**

NAPLES, March 29, 2021 – Webuild has reached a milestone on the high-speed railway between Naples and Bari under construction in southern Italy for Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (Gruppo FS Italiane). In the town of Acerra near Naples, it installed over a road the first of three arch bridges planned for the Naples-Cancello section designed by Italferr (Gruppo FS Italiane). It performed the operation with minimal disruption to traffic by using the latest in heavy transport equipment.

The Naples-Bari line will become a strategic link for the development of sustainable mobility in the region. It will reduce by about half the travel time between Naples and Bari to just two hours. It will also bring northern and southern Italy closer together, making the time to travel between Milan and Bari at six hours. The construction of the line is supporting the economy and creating jobs in the region. The two sections being built by the Group – Naples-Cancello and Apice-Hirpinia – has 600 people working on it and their number is to increase to 930 by 2022. There is also a long supply chain, with about 300 businesses working on the Naples-Cancello section, 183 of them located in southern Italy.

Much like the other two that will be installed in the coming months, the recently installed bridge is about 80 metres long, 21 metres high and weighs 2,500 tonnes. After a series of preparatory work, the bridge was moved in place during a 10-hour operation by 18 special trailers that distributed its weight along 104 wheeled axes. The bridge was then lifted about 6 metres above ground by strand jacks.

The Naples-Cancello section is strategic for the railway because it will include a new station in the town of Napoli-Afragola. Built by Astaldi of Webuild Group, it will serve as an interchange with regional trains. About 15.5 kilometres long, the section will pass through towns like Casoria, Casalnuovo, Afragola, Caivano and Acerra. The second section of the Naples-Bari line will run for 18 kilometres between Apice and Hirpinia, crossing the Apennine. This section will include a station at Hirpinia and three natural tunnels and four viaducts.

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. Recognised 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 Gerald Desmond replacement 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 2020, the Group's total order backlog reached €41.7 billion, with 89% of the backlog of construction orders involving projects that support the SDGs set by the United Nations. 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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