

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD CEO PIETRO SALINI AT

B20-G20 DIALOGUE ON FINANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE:

CRISIS RECOVERY NEEDS IMMEDIATE, CONCRETE MEASURES FOR

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CREATES JOBS AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH BETWEEN

CLIENTS AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

MILAN, July 6, 2021 – “We are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel: the global economy is starting to recover from the pandemic, so we are looking at the future with confidence. The priority for governments must be to re-establish confidence to relaunch the economy – also through infrastructure that creates jobs quickly and puts to good use private savings that are today left idle in bank accounts for a total exceeding €1,800 billion. This confidence in the future must be given today by starting again to plan, design and build large, sustainable infrastructure that can lead growth,” said Pietro Salini, Chief Executive of Webuild during *“Accelerating Sustainable and Inclusive Growth”* organised by the B20 Finance & Infrastructure Task Force as part of *“B20-G20 Dialogue on Finance & Infrastructure”*.

In order to recover from the global crisis, immediate and concrete measures are needed to create employment and foster a collaborative approach between clients and construction companies to plan and build infrastructure in a quick and effective way, in the same way that the Genoa Bridge was built. A long-term vision is necessary, a new paradigm to breach the enormous infrastructure gap that exists in high-income countries as much as it does in low- and medium-income countries. By breaching this gap, jobs can be created in domestic markets and help manage important questions like emigration. In a post-COVID world, spending on infrastructure is an effective instrument for a quick, sustainable and long-lasting economic recovery - and collaboration between the public and private sectors is more important than ever.

The B20 is a business summit organised by Confindustria with the aim of defining with the entrepreneurial community recommendations and policies to follow at the next G20 Business Summit.

Yesterday’s event in which Pietro Salini participated in his capacity as member of the B20’s Advisory Board was an opportunity to convey to the G20 recommendations on actions that are necessary to ensure an effective response to the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as define a framework to accelerate inclusive and sustainable growth. On behalf of the G20 Presidency, other participants included Italian Minister for Economy and Finance Daniele Franco. The B20 was represented by the Chair, Emma Marcegaglia, the Chair of the Task Force Finance & Infrastructure, Carlo Messina, Chief Executive of Intesa Sanpaolo, and by Co-Chairs of the Task Force, representatives of the Network Partners, and a select number of Italian and foreign chief executives who are members of the Advisory Board.

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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