

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD CHAIRMAN IACOVONE: CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABILITY BY RETHINKING HOW WE BUILD

MILAN, July 27, 2021 – “Sustainability can no longer be the sole concern of the communications department of a company. It is something that has to enter into the way we produce, something that becomes a clear business concept. This is the big investment that Webuild is making,” Webuild Chairman Donato Iacovone told the “Campioni di Italy” (Champions of Italy) webinar hosted by REMIND Filiera Immobiliare that explored best practices in both the public and private sectors to relaunch Italy.

“What the construction sector needs is a new culture, a new reference model,” Iacovone said. “The Webuild Group, which took over Astaldi as part of Progetto Italia, has today a clear objective: become a player that is able to compete on the global stage against the sector’s big companies with a focus on building sustainable projects. That means giving a tangible contribution to sustainability – both in the construction phase as well as in the end use of the project.”

“Today, sustainability no longer solely concerns contributing to the achievement of the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations. Instead it is a part of the production strategy. In Europe, the construction industry is responsible for 36% of total emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 50% of raw materials consumption and 21% of water consumption. If we are to avoid this impact on the environment, we need to change the way we build.”

“Webuild’s production and performance targets are very much tied to sustainability,” Iacovone said. “As a Group, we want to focus on projects capable of bringing significant benefits in terms of sustainability. At the same time, there is also a commitment to change the way we build, such as adopting a model that reuses materials. This is a complex challenge that involves the entire supply chain, but it is a commitment that we want to pursue with resolve. The other big challenge is the use of digital technology, big data and other related resources. By managing a construction site as a virtual site, using the huge amount of data that is available - from the design phase to the construction phase – we are able to reprogramme a project according to the needs that can arise during construction”

Webuild, a global player in the construction industry, also thanks to the success of Progetto Italia, is among those that are most committed to sustainable mobility and construction, as shown in its recently launched ESG Plan 2021-2023. Taking into account all the projects under construction worldwide the Group has calculated that it will improve the lives of 87 million people and remove 21 million tonnes of CO2. The projects in the green buildings sector will have a positive impact on 13.7 million people whilst those in the sustainable mobility sector will have a positive impact on the lives of 32.2 million people, more than double.

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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