

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: POSITIONING OPERATIONS OF THE THREE ARCH BRIDGES OF THE NAPLES-CANCELLO RAILWAY LINE NOW COMPLETED

THE HIGH SPEED/CAPACITY NAPLES-BARI LINE TO RELAUNCH THE TERRITORY THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATION

Naples, August 3, 2021 – With the positioning of the third bridge Webuild completes the construction operations of the three arch bridges on the Naples-Cancello section of the Naples-Bari high-speed/capacity railway line, commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (FS Italiane Group). Operations have now been completed for the third and last of the steel arched railway bridges, in the municipality of Acerra, thereby avoiding one of the main arteries of the local road network, with a state-of-the-art engineering solution that minimizes impacts on city traffic throughout the construction phase.

The Naples-Bari railway line is a strategic work for the enhancement of sustainability and high speed transport in Southern Italy. Once completed, it will almost half travel times between Naples and Bari, therefore bringing the North and South of Italy closer together. It represents an important opportunity of development: the Naples-Cancello and Apice-Hirpinia sections alone, currently under construction, provide employment for about 2,400 people including the related industries linked to a long chain of direct suppliers, who today consist of over 400 Italian companies, of which about 190 are from Southern Italy.

The last bridge positioned, just like the other two already placed in their final position in recent months, has a weight of 2,500 tons and is about 80 metres long with a height of 21 metres. The bridge was assembled on a specially built forecourt, alongside the operating road network and, with cutting-edge engineering solutions. It was raised about 6 metres from the street level, by means of lifting towers called strand jacks and jack ups. Subsequently, the bridge was taken over by 18 trailers, which distributed the weight on 104 wheeled axes and brought the bridge to its final position on its supports, in about 10 hours.

Webuild's commitment in Southern Italy dates back to the 1930s, with the creation as a Group of over 280 works. In Southern Italy, the Group is currently working on 15 major projects in the railway sector. In Sicily, it is also carrying out the doubling of the Palermo-Catania high-capacity railway line which includes the Bicocca-Catenanuova section, and of the one between Catania and Messina, the Giampilieri-Fiumefreddo section (2nd Functional Lot Taormina-Giampilieri and 1st Functional Lot Fiumefreddo Taormina/Letojanni), the most recently awarded. Along the Naples-Bari high-speed line, the Group is currently involved in building four sections: the Naples-Cancello, affected by today's raising operations, to which must be added the Apice-Hirpinia, the Hirpinia-Orsara and the Orsara-Bovino ones, for a total of 74 kilometres of high-speed railway line.

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 over 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. It also leads the sustainable mobility sector (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 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).

[More information at www.webuildgroup.com](http://www.webuildgroup.com)



Contact:

Media Relations

Gilles Castonguay

Tel. +39 342 682 6321

email: gr.castonguay@webuildgroup.com