

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD CEO PIETRO SALINI: PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTORS MUST WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY RELAUNCH THE COUNTRY SAFELY, REMOVING OBSTACLES TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN COMPANIES AND WITH ALL OTHER PLAYERS TO CREATE PROFESSIONALS NEEDED TO EXECUTE PNRR

MILAN, October 21, 2021 – “Italy is living a unique moment, with the PNRR (National Plan of Recovery and Resilience) and other related recovery plans. But the real challenge is to build the infrastructure projects within the allotted timeframe whilst guaranteeing safety both during the construction phase and once they are put into operation. And our reactivity has to be directly related to the urgent need to radically transform the construction sector. We need to simplify bureaucracy, improve the public tender process, solve issues related to company liquidity by improving how advance payments are made with adequate mechanisms that can revise prices. We also need to sort out the constraints of the system behind the issue of guarantees. The PNRR must also be used as an opportunity to invest in job training, foster a culture of work safety, innovate to protect the environment, improve Italy’s production capacity and create jobs. It must contribute to breaching the gap in technical skills that characterizes our sector today,” said Pietro Salini, Webuild Chief Executive, at “Infrastrutture sostenibili: un bene comune (Sustainable Infrastructure: A Common Good)” hosted by the IMI Corporate & Investment Banking Division of the bank Intesa Sanpaolo. The event was as an opportunity to discuss infrastructure in Italy and the role that the private sector – in light of the PNRR - can have in supporting sustainable and lasting growth in the country.

“The PNRR funds are also a chance to support the training of specialists that our sector needs, to favour innovation and create jobs, guaranteeing safety for everyone at all levels of the supply chain. In order to build the public works that are included in the PNRR, there is an estimated need for about 100,000 people. Of this total, 26,000 are specialized profiles that are hard to find in the market at this stage of the relaunch. As a company, we invest to increase digital and technical expertise in the sector, to foster training also by means of scholarships and to bring young people into work. But it needs to be a joint effort. We are ready and willing to support a National Plan for this transformation within the context of a broader public-private collaboration that would involve all the system’s players, including banks,” said Salini.

“Today, Webuild’s commitment to Italy is very strong underpinned by 27 infrastructure projects that provide 11,000 people, directly and indirectly with jobs” Salini continued. “The Genoa Model that was adopted for the construction of the new (Genoa) San Giorgio Bridge proved that when all parties involved work together towards a single objective, the country is able to build innovative public works, safely, on time and without waste. We want to continue to use this extended collaborative approach that includes clients and the entire supply chain. It can improve expertise and investments in sustainability and safety in a sector where these two issues can improve.”

Webuild is a global leader in sustainable infrastructure, active in 50 countries and a track record that includes more than 13,600 kilometres of rail and metro lines, approximately 80,300 kilometres of roads and highways and 946 kilometres of bridges and viaducts. In Italy, it is building some of the most important projects to modernise the country’s transport system, including sections of the high-speed railway between Naples and



Bari, the Terzo Valico dei Giovi and Genoa Junction between Milan and Genoa, the Ionian highway in Calabria, and metro lines in Naples, Rome and Milan.

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 supporting 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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