

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD RIACHUELO PROJECT MOST TECHNICALLY INNOVATIVE WORLDWIDE

ITA TUNNELLING AWARD 2021 TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PROJECT IN ARGENTINA

MILAN, December 3, 2021 – Webuild has won a prestigious ITA Tunnelling Award 2021 for an innovative and environmentally sustainable project an important part of the efforts to clean up the Riachuelo River in Argentina. Recognised as the Technical Innovation of the Year, the Riser Concept is a diffuser system with a series of vertical risers installed along a hydraulic tunnel under the River Plate in Buenos Aires to facilitate the discharge of treated wastewater from the Matanza-Riachuelo Basin, one of the most polluted in the world.

The system, developed by the Group and under review for patent protection, was conceived for Outfall Projects potentially applicable to densely populated cities. The system foresees the excavation and construction of vertical shafts (from the bottom to the top) along the sub-fluvial tunnel. It reduces the time needed to complete projects of this kind, whilst minimizing risk and reducing environmental impact.

The award was assigned by the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA-AITES), the largest non-government organisation in the sector which promotes the use of underground space for sustainable development. The final award followed the evaluation of an initial 60 projects in which Webuild's project was one of the five finalists.

The environmental restoration system of the Matanza Riachuelo basin foresees the construction of two water treatment plants and a hydraulic release system (Outfall) which includes a sub-fluvial tunnel four metres in diameter and 12 kilometres long, to clean up the Riachuelo River, one of the most polluted in the world. The aim is to improve the health and quality of life of those who live in the industrial district where the water has received all manner of discharges related to the production activity in Buenos Aires.

The award recognises Webuild's leadership in water, transport and tunnelling, especially in projects whose prominent feature is sustainability. The Group has a track record of approximately 2,400 kilometres of tunnels. Among the most challenging are the Snowy 2.0 hydropower project in Australia, the Isarco River Underpass of the Brenner Base Tunnel and the Terzo Valico dei Giovi-Nodo di Genova in Italy, the hydraulic tunnel under Lake Mead near Las Vegas, and the Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project in Washington, D.C.

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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