

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: WORK STARTS ON LOT H41 GOLA DEL SILL-PFONS ON AUSTRIAN SIDE OF BRENNER BASE TUNNEL. NEW LARGE PROJECT IN LINE WITH GROUP'S DERISKING STRATEGY

MILAN, January 25, 2022 – Work has begun on Lot H41 Gola del Sill-Pfons of the Brenner Base Tunnel in mid-January 2022. The contract, worth €651 million, was awarded to Webuild, member of the joint-venture, last November. It will create 400 direct jobs. This new large project is in Austria, one of the countries that enters into the commercial strategy that the Group has been pursuing for a number of years, focusing on low-risk markets that are rolling out infrastructure development plans.

Webuild and its Swiss subsidiary CSC Costruzioni are taking part in the project with a 50% stake in the joint-venture that will do the construction. Implemia has the other 50%. The client is BBT SE, a European public limited company created for the development of the railway tunnel between Italy and Austria under the Alps, the Brenner Base Tunnel.

The tunnel will become the longest railway tunnel in the world at 64 kilometres. Webuild is already working on the construction of other lots of this project such as the Isarco River Underpass and Mules 2-3 after having completed Lot Tulfes-Pfons. Webuild is also working on the railway between Fortezza and Ponte Gardena south of the tunnel.

The new Lot H41 foresees a section of the Brenner Base Tunnel in Austria and consists in the construction of the railway from Gola del Sill near the city of Innsbruck in the north to the town of Pfons located further south. The contract includes a total of 22.5 km of main tunnel tubes and 38 cross passages with a total length of about 2.3 km, in addition to the lining of the walls of already completed tunnels, an underground emergency stop at Innsbruck, access tunnels, exploratory tunnels and parts of other secondary tunnels.

Two tunnel-boring machines, among the most sophisticated in the sector, with a diameter of more than 10 metres will be used for the mechanized method of excavation. The design of the project focuses on the environmental sustainability of the project during construction: the logistics of the work sites are designed to reduce travel times for the transport of materials, and measures to reduce dust and noise are foreseen.

The Brenner Base Tunnel is crucial for Europe. It will be a key part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) that will connect Helsinki in Finland and La Valletta in Malta. It also plays an important role in connecting Italy and Austria with a high-speed/high-capacity railway.

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. 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 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 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 June 2021, new orders totalled €43.3 billion. Some 92% of the backlog for construction orders involves projects tied to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations (SDGs). Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori S.p.A., 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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