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### **WEBUILD: REGIONERATE RAIL CONSORTIUM SELECTED AS PREFERRED BIDDER FOR CONTRACT ON INLAND RAIL PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA WORTH MORE THAN AU\$5 BLN (€3.27 BLN)**

*MILAN, March 22, 2022* – The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) has appointed Regionerate Rail – a consortium comprising Plenary Group, Clough, GS Engineering and Construction, Webuild and Service Stream – as preferred bidder for the development of the Gowrie to Kagaru section of Inland Rail, a significant milestone for the part of the project running through the State of Queensland in Australia. The contract is worth more than AU\$5 billion (€3.27 billion) for the design and construct elements, of which approximately €1.3 billion is attributable to Webuild.

The section between Gowrie and Kagaru will be approximately 128 kilometres of new and upgraded rail track through the most geographically challenging section of the 1,700-kilometre rail line between Brisbane in Queensland and Melbourne in Victoria. It will include a 6.2-kilometre tunnel through the Great Dividing Range, the largest diameter freight tunnel in the southern hemisphere. Being delivered as a public-private partnership (PPP), the contract will also include a 25-year maintenance phase after the completion of the section between Gowrie to Kagaru.

“For us, Australia is one of the most strategic markets in the world, given the opportunities that it offers in sustainable mobility and renewable energy,” said Webuild Chief Executive Officer, Pietro Salini. “We are proud of Webuild’s involvement in Inland Rail, especially on the most technically complex section of the project. Our reputation continues to strengthen, built day in, day out by our people in a country that is one of the most demanding markets in terms of quality and expertise required. As a Group, we have been in Australia since the 1970s. We have gradually expanded our activities in a number of states, from Western Australia to New South Wales, from Victoria to Queensland. This latest project, after the North East Link in Melbourne, is the results of years of investment made in a country where we aim to consolidate our presence for the long term – as Australians in support of clients who face the challenges of delivering sustainable infrastructure of quality to their communities.”

In Perth, the Group is completing the Forrestfield-Airport Link, a rail service connecting the eastern suburbs with the city centre. In Sydney, it built the skytrain bridge and viaduct for Sydney Metro Northwest. In the Snowy Mountains, Webuild is developing Snowy 2.0, the biggest hydropower project in the country. The contract on the Inland Rail project is also the second PPP to be signed by Webuild in Australia. In Melbourne, the Group and its consortium partners signed a contract for the North East Link PPP Primary Package, the largest for an infrastructure project in Australia.

As a global leader in the transport sector, Webuild has built more than 13,600 kilometres of metro and rail lines, more than 80,200 kilometres of roads, 946 kilometres of bridges and viaducts, and more than 2,300 kilometres of tunnels and underground works. Its latest projects include a number of high-speed/high-capacity railways to improve Italy’s connections with Austria, France and the rest of Europe. The Terzo Valico dei Giovi-Genoa Hub will strengthen links between the ports of Genoa and the rest of Europe. In the United States, the Group has obtained a final agreement to build the country’s first true high-speed railway between Dallas and Houston.

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*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. At the end of December 2021, it had a total order backlog amounting to €45.4 billion, with 92% of the construction backlog relating to projects linked to the advancement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (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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