

PRESS NOTE

**WEBUILD: GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY FOR DIRIYAH SQUARE PROJECT IN RIYADH
9,000 WORKERS ON MEGA CAR PARK THAT UNITES DEVELOPMENT WITH TRADITION**



- *Project northwest of Saudi Arabian capital at heart of ambitious relaunch of Ad Diriyah historic district, UNESCO heritage site*
- *Three-level underground mega car park for 10,500 vehicles*
- *Work site to cover nearly one million square metres*

Riyadh, June 15, 2022 – A ground-breaking ceremony was held today for the €840-million Diriyah Square – Package 2 Super-Basement Works, a mega, multi-level car park to be built by Webuild for 10,500 vehicles in Riyadh. The three-story underground garage covering nearly 1 million square metres lies at the heart of an ambitious urban development project in Ad Diriyah, the historic district and UNESCO heritage site at the northwest of Riyadh. Led by Webuild, its construction will employ 9,000 people as it unites tradition with development.

Commissioned by the Diriyah Gate Development Authority, the contract will be executed by Webuild through its subsidiary Salini Saudi Arabia. It includes the civil and structural works, tunnels and other connections for the district’s huge car park in a new district along the Western Ring Road. The architecture and design of the district will take inspiration from the traditional Najdi style. It will cover 7 square kilometres and include the development of a network of pedestrian streets, public squares, courtyards, souks and bazaars to recreate the authenticity of a Saudi village.

Webuild has been active in Saudi Arabia since 1966, when it began hydraulic works in Mecca, Jeddah and Riyadh. It has since built 50 health centres, some large, as well as projects of international renown in Riyadh such as the Al Faisaliah District Redevelopment Project and the Kingdom Centre, an iconic building that was



awarded the Emporis Skyscraper Award 2002 as best skyscraper in the world for design. The Group's subsidiary Fisia Italimpianti also built the Shuaibah III Expansion II IWP desalination plant.

Webuild is currently working on Line 3, which at 42 kilometres is the longest of the lines that will make up the Riyadh metro system. It is also building the SANG Villas housing and urbanisation project in Riyadh, and the expansion of the King Faisal Air Academy and King Salman Air Base.

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 (rail, metro, bridges, roads, ports), hydropower (dams, power plants), water (treatment and desalination plants, wastewater management, irrigation dams) and green buildings (civil and industrial buildings, airports, stadiums, hospitals). It supports clients in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations. The Group is the expression of 116 years of engineering experience applied in 50 countries with 80,000 direct and indirect employees from more than 100 nationalities. Iconic projects, completed or under construction, include the M4 metro line in Milan, a section of Line 16 of the Grand Paris Express, Cityringen in Copenhagen, the viaduct and bridge for Sydney Metro Northwest in Australia, Red Line North Underground in Doha, Line 3 of Riyadh Metro and high-speed railways in Italy. Others include the Genoa San Giorgio Bridge in Italy, the Long Beach International Gateway Bridge in Long Beach, California, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Snowy 2.0 hydroelectric scheme 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 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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