

PRESS RELEASE

WEBUILD CONSORTIUM WINS €490 MLN RAIL CONTRACT IN ROMANIA TO BUILD THE CLUJ-NAPOCA – EPISCOPIA BIHOR LINE NEAR HUNGARY (LOT 4)

WEBUILD GROUP REACHES €10.7 BLN IN NEW ORDERS IN 2022, ACQUIRED OR BEING FINALISED

- *Webuild expands in sustainable mobility sector with project that will reduce CO2 emissions in Romania*
- *Contract financed by Romania's NRRP in support of strategic projects for country*
- *Modernization and electrification of nearly 50 kilometres of existing line including five stations*

MILAN, Oct 24, 2022 – Webuild and its consortium partners will build Lot 4 (section Aleșd near the Hungarian border) of the railway that will connect Cluj-Napoca and Episcopia Bihor in Romania. The total value of the contract is approximately €490 million. The award of the contract will become effective once all the foreseen tender procedures have been completed. Webuild is leader of the consortium with a 50% stake whilst partners are Pizzarotti with 30% and Salcef at 20%. The construction of the works is estimated to create about 1,000 direct and indirect jobs and an important spin-off for the local supply chain. With this new contract, Webuild reaches €10.7 billion in new orders acquired this year, including projects where it is preferred bidder, and variations on existing orders.

Lot 4 entails the design and construction of the modernization and electrification of approximately 50 kilometres of existing railway, including five stations at Tileagd, Osorhei, East Oradea, Oradea, and Episcopia Bihor in the country's northwest near the border with Hungary.

Commissioned by CFR, Romania's national railway company, the project will be financed by European Union funds via Romania's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP). Lot 4 belongs to a wider programme to modernize and electrify more than 166 kilometres of the Cluj-Napoca-Oradea-Episcopia Bihor line.

The planned interventions will guarantee the technical conditions for passenger trains to travel at 160 kilometres per hour and at 120 kilometres per hour for freight trains. It will increase the comfort and safety of the rail service and make it more competitive than road travel. Not only will it reduce travel times between the connected cities, but it will also limit CO2 emissions.

The interventions will furthermore improve connections between Romania's rail network and those of the rest of Europe thanks to Level 2 of the European Rail Traffic Management System, while reducing the existing line's operational and maintenance costs.

In Romania, Webuild is involved in the construction of more than 120 kilometres of metro and rail lines, and more than 90 kilometres of roads and highways. One of the iconic projects close to completion is the Braila Bridge, the second longest suspension bridge in continental Europe at 1,975 metres, whose main deck reaches 1,120 kilometres.

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 ranks first in the world for the construction of infrastructure in the water sector. Since 2018, it is also among the top 10 companies by revenue generated from environmental services. Webuild 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 Genova 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 hydraulic tunnels in Washington, D.C., and the Al Bayt 2022 World Cup stadium in Qatar. At June 30, 2022, the Group had a total order backlog amounting to more than €47 billion, with 90% 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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