

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: BUTTACETO VIADUCT INSTALLED ON PALERMO-CATANIA RAIL LINE

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SUPPLY CHAIN OF MORE THAN 300 COMPANIES, 350 WORKERS

Bicocca-Buttaceto, February 2, 2022 – Webuild has completed the installation of the Buttaceto Viaduct, an imposing metal structure that will allow future trains travelling across the Bicocca-Catenanuova section of the Palermo-Catania line to pass over the river of the same name. The construction of the section by Webuild for Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI) of Gruppo FS includes more than 300 direct suppliers – most of them local – and nearly 400 direct and indirect workers. The Bicocca-Catenanuova section is part of the line which will connect Palermo and Catania in less than two hours. It is the biggest infrastructure project under construction in Sicily.

The Buttaceto Viaduct measures approximately 62 metres in length and 750 tonnes in weight, the equivalent of four Boeing 747s.

The structure was assembled on site. It was then raised in place by means of a complex manoeuvre. With the use of hydraulic pistons, the viaduct's deck was slid across reinforced cement beams and metal supports by an estimated 20 metres a day until it reached the desired spot. The manoeuvre saved on time and materials used.

The manoeuvre was completed just a few days ago with the deck resting at 10 metres above ground. The remaining work on the deck will be completed in the next few days so that once completed the viaduct will be ready to receive in the next months the electrical and other fixtures for the new rail line.

The Buttaceto Viaduct is an important part of the Palermo-Catania project, located in a strategic position in the trajectory of the railway for more than 37 kilometres. The project will have trains travel between the two cities at speeds of up to 200 kilometres per hour and will therefore transform mobility on the island, along with other rail projects by Webuild, namely the Fiumefreddo-Taormina and Taormina-Letojanni sections of the high-capacity line between Messina and Catania.

Webuild is a global leader in sustainable mobility with a track record of 13,637 kilometres of metro and rail lines, and 946 kilometres of bridges and viaducts. In southern Italy, the Group is involved with a supply chain of more than 1,700 direct businesses in the construction of 15 infrastructure projects, which in addition to the aforementioned projects include new sections of the high-speed railway between Naples and Bari, and metro lines in Rome and Naples.

Webuild, the new Group founded in 2020 by Salini Impregilo, is a major global player in the construction of large complex infrastructures for sustainable mobility, clean hydro energy, clean water, green buildings, supporting clients in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - SDGs. The Group is the result of 115 years of applied engineering experience in 50 countries on five continents, with 70,000 direct and indirect employees representing over 100 nationalities. Having been acknowledged for five years by Engineering News - Record (ENR) as the world's top company for the implementation of infrastructure in the water sector (dams, hydraulic and wastewater projects, drinking water and desalination plants), since 2018, it has been included in the top ten within the environment sector and is also a leader in the sustainable mobility sector (in particular with regard to undergrounds and railways, as well as roads and bridges). A signatory to the United Nations Global Compact, the Group's expertise lies in projects such as the Milan M4, Grand Paris Express, Copenhagen Cityringen, Sydney Metro Northwest in Australia, Red Line North Underground in Doha, Line 3 Metro in Riyadh; high-speed railway lines in Italy; the new Genoa Bridge in Italy and the new Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach, California; the expansion of the Panama Canal; the Snowy

2. 0 hydroelectric plant in Australia; the Rogun Dam in Tajikistan; the Anacostia River Tunnel and the Northeast Boundary Tunnel in Washington, D.C.; the Al Bayt Stadium, which shall host the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. At the end of June 2021, it had a total order backlog amounting to €43.3 billion, with 92% of the construction backlog relating to projects linked to the advancement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Webuild, under the management and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A., is based in Italy and listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Italian Stock Exchange: WBD; Reuters: WBD.MI; Bloomberg: WBD:IM).

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