

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD CHAIRMAN IACOVONE:

SUSTAINABILITY, DIGITALIZATION AND DATA PLATFORMS

A NEW WAY TO BUILD

MILAN, July 24, 2021 – “The pandemic has highlighted the need for a new concept of the city and infrastructure in general. And there are three drivers that will lead the construction industry and shape the way we build for the next 10 years: sustainability, digitalization and data platforms,” said Webuild Chairman Donato Iacovone during a conference entitled “Quale Città” (What Kind of City) dedicated to the sustainable future of cities and the changing needs of their inhabitants.

“Today, the idea of sustainability is not just about the contribution that one can make in achieving a development goal set by the United Nations. It has come to concern those who produce and those who work in the sector. In Europe, the construction industry is responsible for 36% of emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 50% of raw materials consumption and 21% of water consumption. If we are to avoid this impact on the environment, we need to change the way we build.”

“Digitalization can be an instrument to redesign cities and reprogramme services, just like construction sites today that can actually become virtual. With the data that is already available, we can reprogramme consumption in real time, adapting it to actual work flows. Working on data platforms which means having all the available data fed into the network, can help reduce costs, make the system more efficient and reduce the impact on the environment.”

“Everything that we will build in the future will have to take into account how people’s needs have changed and how they will continue to change at a faster pace. And since these needs change so quickly, we can no longer consider to be sustainable a system that takes decades to see a project move from design stage to execution,” he concluded.

Webuild, a global player in the construction industry, thanks also to the success of Progetto Italia, is among those that are most committed to sustainable mobility and construction, as shown in its recently launched ESG Plan 2021-2023. Taking into account all the projects under construction worldwide the Group has calculated that it will improve the lives of 87 million people and remove 21 million tonnes of CO2. The projects in the sustainable mobility sector will have a positive impact on the lives of 32 million people, whilst those in the green buildings sector will have a positive impact on 13.7 million people.

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. Recognised 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 Gerald Desmond replacement 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 2020, the Group's total order backlog reached €41.7 billion, with 89% of the backlog of construction orders involving projects that support the SDGs set by the United Nations. Webuild, subject to direction and coordination by Salini Costruttori SpA, 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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