

PRESS RELEASE

WEBUILD CONSORTIUM WINS €1.32 BLN CONTRACT IN SICILY FOR FIUMETORTO-LERCARA RAILWAY JUNCTION OF HIGH-CAPACITY RAILWAY BETWEEN PALERMO AND CATANIA

RENEWED SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IN SOUTHERN ITALY, NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND WORK FOR THE SUPPLY CHAIN

WEBUILD COMMITTED TO SOUTHERN ITALY WITH 19 PROJECTS WITH SUPPLY CHAIN OF MORE THAN 3,800 BUSINESSES

- *Webuild will lead the consortium with Ghella to build 30 kilometres of high-capacity railway*
- *Lots under Webuild development create estimated 7,300 direct, indirect jobs for Palermo-Catania-Messina axis with involvement of more than 580 suppliers*
- *The Palermo-Catania-Messina axis is part of the Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), favouring the connection with the rest of Italy and Europe*

MILAN, June 6, 2023 – Webuild and its consortium partner have won a €1.32-billion contract to work on another section of a high-capacity railway under construction between Palermo and Catania in Sicily. It entails the development of 30 kilometres of new railway to double the Fiumetorto-Lercara Junction (Lot 1+2). Commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI) (Gruppo FS Italiane), the project will support the development of infrastructure in Sicily and reduce the travel times between the island's main cities, making rail transport more competitive.

Webuild leads the consortium with a 75% stake (including 5% held by its Seli Overseas subsidiary), while partner Ghella has 25% (including 10% owned by its subsidiary TunnelPro). Works on this new lot of the railway line will create 1,500 new jobs. Webuild and Ghella will deploy the latest in technology and construction methods to ensure the project is sustainable as possible.

This new contract brings to 19 the number of projects in which Webuild is involved in southern Italy, working closely with a supply chain of more than 3,800 businesses from the start of works. These businesses have contracts worth a combined value of €2.5 billion. Focused on sustainable mobility with the context of energy transition, the projects support the development of their respective areas to improve the competitiveness of the entire country. Not only do they contribute to the sector's growth but also the creation of employment, especially for young people, who today represent 20% of Webuild workforce.

Along the railway being modernised to connect Palermo, Catania and Messina, Webuild, with other Italian companies, has come to work on seven sections, or lots: apart from the latest awarded contract, they include the Bicocca-Catenanuova, Nuova Enna-Dittaino and Caltanissetta Xirbi-Nuova Enna and Lercara-Caltanissetta Xirbi between Palermo and Catania; and sections Taormina-Giampilieri and Fiumefreddo-Taormina/Letojanni between Catania and Messina. Work on these sections will create a combined total of 7,300 jobs, directly and indirectly, with the involvement of more than 580 direct suppliers.

Lot 1+2 will include 20 kilometres of parallel tunnels to accommodate travel in both directions, more than two kilometres of road and rail viaducts, more than seven kilometres of roads, and three stations. One of the stations – Valle del Torto – will be built and the other two – Cerda and Lercara – will be upgraded. Webuild and Ghella will apply systems to recover and reuse rainwater and that used in industrial processes. They will use four tunnel-boring machines (TBMs). The stations will come equipped with systems to ensure a more efficient use of water and the capture of rain.

The new railway to connect Palermo, Catania and Messina is a strategic project for Sicily and Italy. It will make the transport of people and freight faster and more effective across the island, reducing travel times between Palermo and Catania by one hour, to two hours.

Webuild is a global leader in the design and construction of large, complex projects in the sectors of 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 recognised leader in infrastructure for the water sector, it operates in 50 countries, generating 70 percent of its revenues from international markets. It has 83,000 direct and indirect employees from 100 nationalities, and a supply chain of more than 17,500 businesses. In its 117 years of applied engineering on more than 3,200 projects, the Group has built 14,118 kilometres of rail and metro lines, 82,509 kilometres of roads and highways, 1,018 kilometres of bridges and viaducts, 3,396 kilometres of tunnels, and 313 dams and hydropower plants. Projects include the Genoa San Giorgio Bridge, the second Panama Canal, the Lake Mead Third Intake hydraulic project near Las Vegas in the United States, the Airport Line in Perth, Australia and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center in Athens. Projects under construction include the Brenner Base Tunnel, Line 4 of the Milan metro system, the Terzo Valico dei Giovi-Nodo di Genova in Italy, and the North East Link of Melbourne in Australia. In 2022, the Group had revenues of €8.2 billion, total orders worth more than €53 billion, and projects that will help reduce annual CO2 emissions by 25 million tonnes. Webuild, subject to the direction and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A., is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan stock exchange (WBD; WBD:MI; WBD:IM). Since 2021, it is member of the MIB ESG, the index of Italian companies with the best ESG practices.

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