

PRESS RELEASE

**WEBUILD FOR WORLD WATER DAY: 20 MILLION PEOPLE SERVED DAILY
BY THE GROUP'S DESALINATION PLANTS**

THE GROUP IS READY TO HELP TACKLE THE WATER EMERGENCY



Riachuelo environmental restoration system, Argentina ©Webuild Image Library

- *Webuild has been a global leader in the water sector for over a decade, delivering sustainable infrastructure to improve access to clean water and pioneering projects that enhance climate resilience*

Milan, 22 March 2025 – From the Middle East to Africa, from Australia to North America, Webuild celebrates World Water Day 2025 across its construction sites in around 50 countries, reaffirming its commitment to protecting the planet's precious water resources. This dedication is reflected in the more than 20 million people who benefit daily from the water treatment and desalination plants designed and built by the Group and its subsidiary, Fisia Italmobiliari, a specialist in this field.

"Water is our planet's most precious resource, a common good that Webuild is committed to protecting and sharing," commented Pietro Salini, CEO of the Group. "Developing sustainable water infrastructure and minimizing waste and losses are central to Webuild's business strategy. This is evident in our continuous investments in innovation and sustainability, made possible by our global scale, as well as in the international recognition we have received, such as being named a world leader in climate action by CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) and earning a Gold rating from EcoVadis for best ESG practices. We are ready to apply our expertise from the world's most challenging projects where the water crisis has unfortunately become an unacceptable new normal."

The clean hydro energy and clean water sectors represent a significant share of the Group's revenue, accounting for 23% of the total as of December 31, 2024. This growth is largely driven by technically challenging hydroelectric projects that set global benchmarks for innovation, such as Snowy 2.0, Australia's largest renewable energy project, and initiatives aimed at protecting and restoring large water basins. One example is the Riachuelo project, one of the world's largest and most complex environmental sustainability initiatives, featuring a wastewater treatment plant serving 14 municipalities to improve sanitary conditions for 4.3 million people in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Among the Group's most iconic projects are dam systems, aqueducts, desalination plants, water treatment facilities, and irrigation infrastructure, which transform communities and protect the environment. The Tokwe Mukosi Dam in Zimbabwe irrigates 25,000 hectares of agricultural land, while the Neckartal Dam in Namibia supports irrigation for 5,000 hectares.

The Group has built some of the most significant desalination plants, particularly in the Middle East, including the Shoaiba-3 Plant, designed and constructed by Fisia Italmimpianti in Saudi Arabia. This facility produces 250,000 cubic meters of drinking water per day, meeting the needs of over 1 million residents in the cities of Jeddah, Mecca, and Taif. With Fisia Italmimpianti, Webuild is at the forefront of designing and constructing desalination plants that convert seawater into potable water, ensuring access to clean water even in the world's most arid regions. Seawater desalination is one of the most promising solutions to address water scarcity, providing a reliable supply of clean and safe water for daily consumption, public services, industrial processes, and healthcare applications.

Webuild is a global leader in the design and construction of large, complex infrastructure projects in sustainable mobility, hydropower, water treatment, and green buildings. A recognized leader in the water sector, it works in approximately 50 countries with over 92,000 people of 125 different nationalities. The Group boasts nearly 120 years of applied engineering on more than 3,700 completed projects, with a track record of 13,648 kilometres of railways, 891 kilometres of metro lines, 82,577 kilometres of roads and highways, 1,022 kilometres of bridges and viaducts, 3,462 kilometres of tunnels, and 318 dams and hydropower plants. Among its most famous projects: the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Long Beach International Gateway bridge in California, the Third Bosphorus Bridge in Turkey, the Sydney Metro Northwest skytrain viaduct and bridge, the Kingdom Centre skyscraper in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and numerous metro lines in Copenhagen, Paris, Rome, Milan, Naples, Doha, Thessaloniki, and Riyadh. Among the main ongoing projects, the following stand out: the New Genoa Breakwater, the Brenner Base Tunnel, Line C of Rome's metro network, the high-capacity railways between Genoa and Milan, the high-speed railway between Naples and Bari, the Palermo-Catania-Messina high-capacity railway, the Snowy 2.0 hydropower scheme in Australia, and the Trojena dam network in Saudi Arabia. As of December 31, 2024, the Webuild Group registered total revenues for €12 billion and a total backlog of €63 billion, with more than 90% of its construction backlog related to projects linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Webuild, subject to the direction and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A., is headquartered in Italy, is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, Borsa Italiana (WBD; WBD.MI; WBD:IM), and since 2021, it is included in the MIB ESG index of the Italian blue-chip companies with the best ESG practices.

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