

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: MECHANISED EXCAVATION COMPLETED ON ITALIAN SIDE OF THE BRENNER BASE TUNNEL, THE WORLD'S LONGEST RAILWAY TUNNEL

WEBUILD, ON BEHALF OF BBT SE, IS BUILDING 50 OUT OF 64 KILOMETRES OF TUNNEL ACROSS 4 LOTS, WITH 2 ALREADY COMPLETED

Milan, 15 May 2025 – After traveling more than 14 kilometres beneath the Alps, TBM Flavia has completed excavation works on the Italian side of the Brenner Base Tunnel, the longest railway tunnel in the world. The milestone occurred within Lot Mules 2-3, delivered by a consortium led by Webuild on behalf of BBT SE. Marking this symbolic achievement for Europe's infrastructure system were the President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol, Arno Kompatscher, the Governor of Tyrol, Anton Mattle, and Herald Ruijters, representative of the European Commission's DG DEFIS.

Once completed, the 64-kilometre Brenner Base Tunnel will redefine rail connections between Northern and Southern Europe, strengthening sustainable mobility and helping reduce the environmental impact of transport across the Alpine region. The project is part of the Munich–Verona railway axis and forms the central element of the Scandinavian–Mediterranean Corridor of the TEN-T network. It is also its most crucial section, as it allows for the crossing of the natural barrier of the Alps.

The Tunnel will connect Fortezza, on the Italian side about 50 kilometres north of Bolzano, to Innsbruck in Austria. Along its route, passenger trains will be able to travel at speeds of up to 250 km/h, cutting travel time between the two cities from 80 minutes to just 25. Lot Mules 2-3, which forms the main section on the Italian side of the tunnel and is also the largest lot, is a key component of the project. It involves the excavation of a complex tunnel system stretching 65 kilometres, more than 40 of which were excavated using tunnel boring machines (TBMs). On this lot, which has now reached 98% completion, TBM Flavia was used to excavate the westbound main tunnel, while TBM Virginia had already completed the eastbound tunnel in March 2023.

Webuild, a major leader in sustainable mobility infrastructure with a track record of nearly 3,500 kilometres of tunnels built worldwide, is also involved in several other sections of the rail system connected to the Brenner Base Tunnel. In addition to the Mules 2-3 lot, Webuild is working on the Austrian side with the Sill Gorge–Pfons lot and previously completed the Tulfes–Pfons section, also in Austria. On the Italian side, it built the Isarco River Underpass, which marks the southernmost point of the tunnel before reaching the Fortezza station. Along the Munich–Verona railway axis, Webuild is also constructing on behalf of RFI (Italian State Railways Group), the upgrade of the Fortezza–Ponte Gardena section and the Trento Bypass. These two projects will further strengthen the connectivity and functionality of the Brenner Base Tunnel system.

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, the Pedemontana Lombarda Highway, 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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