

PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: 25 KM OF UNDERGROUND PIPELINES INSTALLED ALONG PALERMO-CATANIA HIGH-CAPACITY RAILWAY TO IMPROVE IRRIGATION SYSTEM OF PIANA DI CATANIA

WEBUILD PROJECT A MODEL OF INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT SICILIAN AGRICULTURE



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- *Project part of Webuild's activities in southern Italy, where Group is engaged in public works worth a combined award value of €15 billion*
- *Completed as part of recently inaugurated Bicocca-Catenanuova high-capacity railway section, it covers nearly 16,000 hectares across Catania, Enna and Siracusa provinces*
- *Pipeline network, developed by Webuild as part of the rail project, ensures zero water dispersion, enhancing local agriculture*

CATANIA, Italy, November 10, 2025 – A railway infrastructure that also brings water to farmers. In Sicily, along the recently inaugurated Bicocca-Catenanuova section of the Palermo-Catania high-capacity railway, an auxiliary project has been completed that exemplifies a virtuous model of integrated development: 25 kilometres of underground water pipelines, designed by Webuild and included in the rail project commissioned by Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (RFI of Gruppo FS Italiane) that have modernized the network on behalf of Consorzio di Bonifica di Catania.

The Bicocca-Catenanuova section, built by a consortium led by Webuild and commissioned by RFI, stretches for 38 kilometres and is part of an upgrade of the entire Palermo-Catania-Messina rail corridor, for which Webuild is working on another six lots.

This project is part of Webuild's broader commitment to southern Italy, where the Group is working on strategic projects worth a combined award value of approximately €15 billion. In the region, Webuild employs about 8,700 people both directly and indirectly as of June 30, 2025, and has involved more than 7,600 companies along the supply chain since the start of construction. It's a development model that generates value for the region, engages local skills and suppliers and creates qualified employment through targeted investments in training and workplace safety.

In the case of Piana di Catania, a dense network of old irrigation pipes was replaced to ensure water distribution with zero dispersion. The new pipelines, made of ductile iron and high-density polyethylene, are connected to the existing network and serve a farming area of nearly 16,000 hectares across the provinces of Catania, Enna and Siracusa. They reach the municipalities of Belpasso, Paternò, Ramacca, Motta Santa Anastasia, Catenanuova, Centuripe and Lentini, where the renowned red oranges are grown but face the threat of drought.

The construction of the railway section also enabled a more precise mapping of the local water network, enabling future modernisation efforts. The new pipelines include intake structures, hydraulic regulation components, and connections to secondary and tertiary networks that belong to the irrigation system of Consorzio di Bonifica di Catania. The system, structured into primary, secondary, and tertiary pipelines, ensures water supply to farm lands, supporting local entrepreneurship.

Webuild is a global leader in the construction of large, complex infrastructure projects, with a focus on sustainable mobility, hydropower, water treatment, and green buildings. A recognized leader in the water sector and active in about 50 countries, the Group employs approximately 95,000 people of over 125 nationalities. It boasts 120 years of experience with over 3,700 completed projects. Its track record includes 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 319 dams and hydropower plants. Among its most iconic projects are the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in Ethiopia, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Long Beach International Gateway bridge in California (USA), the Second Bosphorus Bridge (Turkey), the Sydney Metro Northwest skytrain viaduct and bridge (Australia), the Kingdom Centre skyscraper in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), and metro lines in cities such as Copenhagen, Paris, Rome, Milan, Naples, Doha, Thessaloniki, and Riyadh. Ongoing projects include the New Genoa Breakwater, the Brenner Base Tunnel, the Pedemontana Lombarda Highway, Metro di Roma's Line C, the Genoa-Milan and Naples-Bari high-speed/high-capacity railways, the Palermo-Catania-Messina high-capacity railway, the Snowy 2.0 hydropower scheme in Australia and the Dams System in Trojena in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. As of December 31, 2024, the Group registered total revenues for €12 billion. As of June 30, 2025, its total order backlog stands at approximately €59 billion, with over 90% of its construction backlog related to projects linked to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Listed on the Borsa Italiana stock exchange in Milan (WBD; WBD.MI; WBD:IM), it is member of the MIB ESG index of Italian companies with best ESG practices. Headquartered in Italy, it is subject to the management and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A.

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