PRESS NOTE

WEBUILD: FIRST SPAN BEING RAISED FOR VALLONE DELLE COSTE VIADUCT ON RAGUSA-CATANIA HIGHWAY. 300 METRES OF STEEL AND CONCRETE, AMONG MOST COMPLEX WORKS ON LOT 1 OF PROJECT

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- *First of 10 spans of Vallone delle Coste Viaduct raised for one of the most complex lots on new Ragusa-Catania project*
- *Viaduct's length about 300 metres with 2,260-tonne steel framework in narrow work site*
- *Travel times along new highway to be up to 40 percent faster*

Milan, November 17, 2026 – The new Ragusa-Catania highway, a key transport corridor for eastern Sicily, is taking shape: Webuild is raising the first of 10 spans of the Vallone delle Coste Viaduct, one of the most complex structures of Lot 1 of the project being delivered for ANAS (FS Italiane Group). The raising of the span required exceptional precision. With extremely limited space available on site, the valley's topography required every stage of the operation to be meticulously planned. This marks a step forward for a project that is expected to reduce travel times between Ragusa and Catania by up to 40 percent.

The viaduct will cross the valley for approximately 300 metres. It features a composite steel-concrete structure: two separate decks, one for each carriageway, each consisting of five spans and supported by four pairs of piers and two abutments. The steel framework weighs a total of approximately 2,260 tonnes. What makes the project particularly challenging, however, is its setting: the terrain provides very limited space within to work, and it requires detailed planning for every phase of assembly and raising of spans with the support of a highly specialised organisation.

The structure is being built along State Road 514, in the initial section of the project, where the route crosses the valley between the junction with State Road 115 and the road leading to Chiaramonte Gulfi. This is a crucial section for ensuring continuity along the new transport corridor and one of the most strategic stretches of the entire route.

The new highway has also been designed to accommodate Smart Road technology from the outset. Advanced monitoring, communication and digital traffic management systems will make the route safer, more efficient and better connected.

This latest milestone for the Ragusa-Catania project comes shortly after the launch of two single-span overpasses in the Cicimia and Gerardo districts within the municipality of Chiaramonte Gulfi (Ragusa).

The project is already generating employment and economic benefits in the local area. During the construction phase, approximately 300 people are employed, including both direct workers and subcontractor personnel, while about 400 companies in the supply chain have been involved since construction began.

Lot 1 is only one of the projects in which Webuild is helping modernise Sicilian infrastructure. The Group is also delivering seven sections of the new Palermo-Catania-Messina railway. Altogether, across the island, Webuild is involved in eight major projects, supporting around 7,000 jobs and engaging 2,600 supply-chain companies since construction began, with 19 tunnel-boring machines operating on site.

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