

PRESS NOTE

AUSTRALIA RIPE FOR INNOVATION TO BUILD TOMORROW'S INFRASTRUCTURE:

SALINI IMPREGILO PRESENTS NEW REPORT BY THE ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT IN SYDNEY

MILAN, November 20, 2018 – Australia is considering the possibilities of “flexible cities” to confront the challenges posed by an expected 40% increase in population by 2040, three-quarters of which will be concentrated in four main cities: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. The struggle that the country is waging to protect one of the highest standards of living in the world can be won thanks to “flexible cities”: intelligent cities armed with digital technologies that are already beginning to influence urban development.

These are the conclusions of “**Flexible Cities. The Future of Australian Infrastructure**”, a new report by The Economist Intelligence Unit.

Salini Impregilo presented the report in Sydney at an international workshop on “flexible cities” held at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), a leading young university in the country with which Salini Impregilo has entered into partnership to support young engineers.

“We have a lot to learn from Australia, a country with a clear vision of infrastructure investment,” says Pietro Salini, Chief Executive of Salini Impregilo. “We hope to take part in this vision by bringing the expertise that we have gained from some of the most challenging places in the world, such as the new Panama Canal, the Lake Mead project near Las Vegas, and the metro lines that we are building in Copenhagen, Milan, Paris, Lima, Riyadh and Doha.”

Australia is investing heavily in infrastructure. In the government’s May 2018 budget, there are plans to invest more than \$75 billion in the next decade, especially in sustainable public transport in urban centres. Some 50,000 direct and indirect jobs are to be created as a result.

The keynote speaker at the UTS event is Carlo Ratti, Director of the Senseable City Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology – MIT in Boston. He is considered by a number of specialised U.S. publications as among the most influential thinkers in the world. Ratti speaks of how smart technology is changing urban infrastructure to provide a better quality of life for residents.

Salini Impregilo recently announced that Asia and Australia represent 24% of its commercial pipeline of tenders and project initiatives, already identified and pursued, including pre-qualifications.

The Group is taking part in a number of tenders for projects in the country in states such as Queensland and New South Wales. In Sydney, it recently completed the skytrain bridge and viaduct for Sydney Metro Northwest, part of the biggest public transport project in the country. The bridge and viaduct won the 2018 Project of the Year award from Engineering News-Record (ENR), a leading



U.S. trade magazine. In Perth, Western Australia, Salini Impregilo is doing the Forrestfield-Airport Link to provide a better connection between the city centre and the suburbs.

For a copy of the **Flexible Cities. The Future of Australian Infrastructure** report, visit www.salini-impregilo.com.au.

Salini Impregilo is a leading global player in the construction of large, complex civil infrastructure. It specializes in the water sector – where it is recognized as a global leader by Engineering News-Record (ENR) - as well as railways and metro systems, bridges, roads and motorways, civil and industrial buildings, and airports. The Group has more than 110 years of applied engineering experience on five continents, with design, engineering and construction operations in 50 countries and more than 35,000 employees from 100 nationalities. Salini Impregilo is a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact and pursues sustainable development objectives to create value for its stakeholders. It assists clients in strategic areas including energy and mobility, helping to drive development and well-being for current and future generations. Its leadership status is displayed in projects such as the new Panama Canal, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in Ethiopia, the Cityringen metro in Copenhagen, the new Riyadh metro system, the Stavros Niarchos cultural centre in Athens, and the new Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach, USA. In 2017, new orders totalled €6.7 billion, with a total backlog reaching €34.4 billion. Salini Impregilo Group is headquartered in Italy and is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (Borsa Italiana: SAL; Reuters: SALI.MI; Bloomberg: SAL:IM).

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