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Western Australian Premier praises local contribution to Forrestfield-Airport Link station as world class

MILAN, September 6th, 2019 – Western Australia Premier Mark McGowan has praised the local contribution to the construction of a station for the AUD\$1.86 billion Forrestfield-Airport Link being developed by Salini Impregilo in Perth, saying the quality of the products and services provided by the region for the metro rail project was second to none.

“This station is proof that Western Australians can manufacture quality products, build world-class infrastructure and innovate with the best of them,” McGowan said in a statement after a visit to the site of the Forrestfield Station with Transport Minister Rita Saffioti. “The roof steel is local, the fabricators are local, the bricks are local and the concrete is local - all being manufactured by local people, creating local jobs and training opportunities.”

Saffioti said the station would help develop the area and create jobs. “This area around the station will be transformed into a lively hub, creating more opportunities for residential and commercial development,” she said in the statement.

Of the 2,000 jobs created by the project, 160 are at the Forrestfield Station site. The station’s main building, roof and platform are more than 50 percent complete.

The Forrestfield-Airport Link will connect the city’s eastern suburbs with the airport and the Central Business District. Travel between the suburbs and the CBD will take 20 minutes each way versus 45 minutes by car, encouraging commuters to leave their cars at home to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

The project has seen Salini Impregilo and its local partner NRW win the 2019 Award for Excellence in the Technology and Innovation Category from the Western Australia Branch of the Concrete Institute of Australia for the design and manufacture of the concrete segmental lining of the two parallel tunnels being excavated for the line.

Australia is a strategic market for Salini Impregilo. Along with Asia, its contribution to the Group’s total revenues is increasing markedly. At the end of the first half of 2019, it totalled 12% compared with 5% at the end of 2014.