PRESS RELEASE

TBM FOR GRAND PARIS EXPRESS (FRANCE) – LINE 15 WEST, LOT 2
NGE AND WEBUILD CHOOSE REFURBISHMENT

- *Tunnel Boring Machine "TBM" refurbished by Webuild in Italy, previously used by NGE and Webuild consortium on Grand Paris Express Line 16, now redeployed after being adapted to the specific requirements of Line 15, Lot 2*
- *An industrial choice in favour of the circular economy, aimed at reducing costs and CO2 emissions*
- *River transport for excavated materials*
- *80% of materials reused*
- *Implementation of fibre-reinforced concrete lining*

Saint-Étienne-du-Grès (France), January 29, 2026 – NGE and Webuild today celebrated the arrival and factory acceptance of the Tunnel Boring Machine "TBM" that will excavate the 7 kilometres of tunnel for Lot 2 of Line 15 West of the Grand Paris Express, a contract with a total value of €1.38 billion. The TBM, refurbished by WEM (Webuild Equipment & Machinery), a company of the Webuild Group, is now ready to begin work on the tunnel linking the Bécon-les-Bruyères station to the Saint-Denis–Pleyel hub, in the Paris region.

Delivered on behalf of *Société des grands projets*, the project lies at the heart of the Grand Paris Express, Europe's largest transport and urban development programme. Lot 2, known as "M2 West", forms part of the future Line 15, which will become the longest metro line in France. Line 15 will serve 45 municipalities across four administrative districts in the Paris region. Ninety-five percent of its stations will be connected to the existing transport network, including commuter rail, regional express services, metro lines, trams and buses.

For NGE and Webuild, the factory acceptance of the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) marks a key milestone for the project. Previously deployed by the two partners under their consortium on Line 16, Lot 2 of the Grand Paris Express, the machine has been fully refurbished to meet the technical requirements of the new contract.

More than 100 metres long and with a cutting diameter of 9.86 metres, the TBM will excavate 7 kilometers of tunnel. The project includes the installation of approximately 23,000 segments, 79% of which will be made of fibre-reinforced concrete, as well as the excavation of around 500,000 m³ of excavated materials, 80% of which will be reused. Excavated materials will be transported by river to disposal and reuse sites, avoiding the equivalent of 64,000 truck movements on local roads. The use of fibre-reinforced concrete segments halves the amount of steel required, while enhancing strength and long-term durability.

This new assignment for the TBM reflects the industrial continuity and expertise developed by NGE and Webuild on the Grand Paris Express. By extending the service life of a major piece of equipment, the partners are adopting a responsible approach that reduces the project's carbon footprint and optimizes the use of resources—an industrial strategy that combines operational performance with environmental commitment.

NGE and Webuild thus renew a strong partnership on this flagship project, their third collaboration on the Grand Paris Express. Together, they have already delivered the southern extension of Metro Line 14 to Orly Airport (4.1 km of tunnel) and Line 16, Lot 2 (11 km).

About NGE

NGE – New Generations of Entrepreneurs – the fourth largest construction group in France, builds major infrastructures and urban or local projects. With its expertise in financing, design, construction maintenance and operations, the Group is a key player in delivering infrastructures that address the economic and ecological challenges of the territories. Its entrepreneurial drive is supported by a strong employee ownership structure (the founders, management, and employees hold 72% of the Group's capital) reinforced by Montefiore Investment, a leading French investment first (28% of the capital). With a turnover of 5 billion euros, NGE operates in about 20 countries, supporting private and public clients in financing, designing, and building their transition projects in water, mobility, urban renovation, energy, and telecommunications. NGE's 26,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world. A key player in the Grand Paris Express program, the NGE Group has been awarded 23 contracts covering the full range of its expertise – underground works, foundations, civil engineering, buildings and rail systems. This fifth contract secured as lead contractor reflects the renewed confidence placed in NGE by Société des grands projets and recognises the Group's know-how on the flagship lines of the Paris regional network.

About Webuild

***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, the Second Bosphorus Bridge in Turkey, the Sydney Metro Northwest skytrain viaduct and bridge, the Kingdom Centre skyscraper in Riyadh, 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 Saudi Arabia. As of December 31, 2024, the Group registered total revenues of €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. 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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