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NGE AND WEBUILD: "ROBERTA," THE REFURBISHED TUNNEL BORING MACHINE THAT WILL EXCAVATE THE TUNNELS OF LOT 2 OF LINE 15 WEST OF THE GRAND PARIS EXPRESS



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- *Refurbished in Italy by Webuild, it will excavate approximately 7 kilometers of tunnel as part of the largest urban mobility program currently under construction in Europe*
- *Named in honor of Roberta Arrigoni, a Webuild employee who has spent nearly 40 years working on major infrastructure projects in Italy and internationally*
- *A concrete example of industrial innovation and circular economy principles applied to major infrastructure projects*

Gennevilliers, October 7, 2026 – Its name is "Roberta." This tunnel boring machine (TBM) will excavate approximately 7 kilometers of tunnel as part of Lot 2 of Line 15 West of the Grand Paris Express, the largest urban mobility program currently under construction in Europe. The project is being delivered by NGE (lead contractor) and Webuild as part of a joint venture on behalf of Société des grands projets. The TBM was officially named today during a ceremony organized by the project owner, Société des grands projets, in Gennevilliers, in the Paris region.

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The TBM was named in honor of Roberta Arrigoni, an architect at Webuild who has spent 37 years working on the design and delivery of complex infrastructure projects in Italy and internationally. She joined the Webuild Group more than ten years ago and has been involved in the Grand Paris Express since its launch. Today, she plays a leading role in the delivery of Lot 2 of Line 15 West, as part of the joint venture formed by NGE, Webuild and Equans France.

The story of "Roberta" also illustrates an industrial model based on circular economy principles. Before being assigned to Line 15 West, the TBM had already successfully completed the excavation of 5.8 kilometers of tunnel for Lot 2 of Line 16 of the Grand Paris Express. Following that project, rather than being decommissioned, the TBM was transferred to Italy and completely refurbished by Webuild at a facility in Terni, a center of excellence specializing in the refurbishment and recommissioning of large TBMs and other tunneling equipment.

Through a comprehensive overhaul, technological modernization and technical adaptation program, the TBM was prepared to meet the specific geological and operational conditions of this new section of the project. This approach extends the machine's useful life and transforms an already-used piece of equipment into a resource ready to begin a new phase of construction.

More than 100 meters long, with an excavation diameter of 9.86 meters and weighing nearly 2,000 metric tons, "Roberta" reflects Webuild's expertise in the design, operation and refurbishment of tunnel boring machines. Reusing the TBM made it possible to avoid manufacturing a new machine, thereby reducing the consumption of raw materials and the environmental impact associated with its production. This approach fully aligns with an increasingly circular economy model and the responsible use of resources.

Sustainability is at the heart of the entire Lot 2 project of Line 15 West. The tunneling works will generate approximately 500,000 cubic meters of excavated material, nearly 80% of which will be recovered and reused. These materials will be transported via the Paris region's inland waterway network, avoiding the equivalent of approximately 64,000 truck journeys and helping to reduce road traffic, emissions and disruption associated with urban mobility.

The same approach has been adopted for the tunnel lining. Approximately 23,000 precast segments will be produced as part of the project, around 79% of which will be made using fiber-reinforced concrete. This technological solution significantly reduces the amount of steel required while maintaining high levels of safety, strength and durability.

Through the Grand Paris Express, NGE and Webuild are reaffirming their position among the global leaders in the delivery of complex underground infrastructure. Together, the two major players have already delivered some of the program's most significant sections, including the southern extension of Line 14 to Orly Airport, with 4.1 kilometers of tunnels, and Lot 2 of Line 16, involving the excavation of approximately 11 kilometers of tunnels.

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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 25,000 employees are proud to contribute to building infrastructures that change the world.*

About Webuild *Webuild is a global leader in the construction of large, complex infrastructure for sustainable mobility, hydropower, water and wastewater treatment and management, and green buildings. Its primacy is reflected in the 2026 rankings of trade publication Engineering News-Record (ENR), which confirmed its leadership in the water sector and placed it among the top 10 global contractors in transportation. Webuild helps deliver projects that transform communities and regions, creating lasting social, economic, and environmental value. Active in approximately 50 countries with a workforce of more than 85,000 people, direct and indirect, Webuild boasts more than 120 years of history and over 3,700 completed projects. Its track record includes 13,686 kilometres of railways, 895 kilometres of metros, 82,708 kilometres of roads and highways, 1,023 kilometres of bridges and viaducts, 3,466*

kilometres of tunnels, and 320 dams and hydropower plants. Webuild has delivered some of the world's most iconic projects, including the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, the expansion of the Panama Canal, the Long Beach International Gateway in the United States, the Second Bridge over the Bosphorus in Turkey, and the Riachuelo environmental restoration system in Argentina. It has also contributed to the development of advanced urban mobility systems in major cities, including Copenhagen, Paris, Rome, Milan, Naples, Doha, Thessaloniki, and Riyadh. Today, Webuild is engaged in the construction of some of the most strategic infrastructure projects in Italy and elsewhere, such as the New Genoa Breakwater, the Brenner Base Tunnel, the Pedemontana Lombarda Highway, Rome Metro's Line C, and sections of the Genoa–Milan, Verona–Padua and Naples–Bari high-speed/high-capacity railways, as well as the Palermo–Catania–Messina line. It is also involved in the Snowy 2.0 hydropower scheme in Australia, key sections of the Grand Paris Express in France, and the expansion of the Riyadh Metro in Saudi Arabia. As of December 31, 2025, Webuild reported total revenues of €13.6 billion. As of June 30, 2026, its total order backlog amounted to €53.7 billion, with more than 95% of its construction backlog related to projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Headquartered in Italy and subject to the direction and coordination of Salini Costruttori S.p.A., Webuild is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (WBD; WBD.MI; WBD:IM).

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