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CIMOLAI S.P.A. IS AWARDED THE TENDER PROMOTED BY MILANOSESTO S.P.A. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RAILWAY STATION IN SESTO SAN GIOVANNI

THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORK WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REUNITE TWO FUNDAMENTAL PARTS OF THE CITY, AND WILL REPRESENT THE GATEWAY TO THE URBAN REGENERATION PROJECT OF THE FORMER FALCK AREAS, AS THE LARGEST REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ITALY AND AMONGST THE LARGEST IN EUROPE

Milan, 17 May 2021 - Following the conclusion of a public tender, the company that owns the former Falck areas in Sesto San Giovanni, MilanoSesto S.p.A., has announced that the construction of the new railway station will be carried out by Cimolai S.p.A., a company that designs, supplies and assembles complex steel structures at an international level.

Designed by the Renzo Piano Building Workshop with Ottavio Di Blasi & Partners, the new station will launch the public works of MilanoSesto, as the largest urban regeneration project in Italy and one of the largest in Europe. This investment of a total of 14.5 million euros will allow the conversion of the areas where Acciaierie Falck once stood into a new urban destination. The redevelopment of the entire area is promoted by MilanoSesto S.p.A., Hines, as strategic advisor of the entire project, which also serves as the development manager, the Prelios Group, which is in charge of all project management activities, and its Prelios Integra for safety coordination and works management of the station work site.

Work on the new railway station will begin in July, and will see the construction of a footbridge that is 89 meters long by 18 meters wide. It will be suspended above the existing railway line, and will unite the two parts of Sesto San Giovanni that have historically been divided by the tracks, namely Piazza 1° Maggio and the former Falck areas. The station will be equipped with numerous services, including cafes and shops, and will serve as a panoramic viewpoint over the entire MilanoSesto project of redesigning the urban layout of the entire city of Sesto San Giovanni.

Thanks to its function as a reconnective element, the new railway station will provide access to the station square, the true gateway to the entire project, and to Unione Zero, the first private development in for which Hines is also an investor. This significant infrastructural work will serve the entire MilanoSesto area, first and foremost that of the City of Health and Research, the new health centre of the Lombardy Region.

This hub will be one of the core centres of MilanoSesto, whose development will contribute towards significantly boosting employment and liveability of the area, and offer new services and mobility options, with a greater distribution of pedestrian traffic coming from the underlying metro station. It will also serve as an interchange between the Milan metro system, the railway system, and bus network.

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Specific attention will be paid to minimize the environmental impact of work during the two-year construction of the new station. As such, Cimolai has designed a plan to contain the spread of dust, which includes the use of barriers and fences with dust sheets, in addition to the system of abatement through "cannon fog" misting.

The new structure, which is avant-garde a technological and material point with the use of iron and glass, will also have a solar roof that can power the entire station.

Giuseppe Bonomi, Managing Director of Milanosesto S.p.A., said, "Twenty-five years after the decommissioning of the former Falck area, today we finally move toward the implementation of our development plan. The new railway station will be the first significant work of the future urban planning of MilanoSesto, and serves as an extraordinary opportunity for Sesto San Giovanni to reunite two parts of the city separated by the railway".

Luigi Cimolai, Chairman of the Board of Cimolai S.p.A., stated that "The new railway station in Sesto San Giovanni represents a new challenge for us as one of the large urban redevelopment projects that we have worked on, especially in recent years, in cities such as New York and London. We are proud to be able to make our contribution in Italy, and will use our best technical skills for this prestigious project."

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MilanoSesto, the largest urban regeneration project in Italy and one of the most ambitious in Europe, will transform an area of more than 1.5 million square meters, where the Falck Steelworks of Sesto San Giovanni once stood, into an efficient, sustainable and inclusive urban center. The masterplan designed by international architecture studio Foster + Partners foresees progressive development over the next few years with landscaping, residential areas, new squares, retail and office spaces and, above all, places designed to connect people. Located in a strategic position north-east of Milan, the area is well connected to the surrounding communities thanks to the new Sesto San Giovanni railway station to be built by June 2023, the subway station and the major trunk roads providing rapid access to the city center, the tollways and the rest of Lombardy.

The development project comprises a unique mix of functions, including innovative housing based on accessibility criteria, special services for the individual and an intergenerational scheme of student housing, multifamily residences for professionals and young families, and senior housing. The area will also include a 45 hectare park, an extensive green "lung" for the entire Milanese metropolitan area, integrated with the historic industrial buildings. As a result, MilanoSesto will be a new urban center able to accommodate more than 50,000 residents, city users and visitors on a daily basis. It will also be the site of the Health & Research District, a major public complex of clinical and scientific excellence comprising the new sites of the Besta neurological institute and the National Tumor Institute.

MilanoSesto S.p.A., the owner of the areas, and the implementing body and the contract awarder, works in partnership with Hines and Prelios, two leading real estate players recognized for their experience, reliability and transparency in relations with all stakeholders.

Visit www.milanosesto.it for more information.

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Cimolai S.p.A., a Friuli-based company owned by Luigi Cimolai, has been a leading player in the design and construction of complex steel structures for over 70 years. The company currently has a turnover of around 500 million Euros and employs over 3000 workers, 1500 of whom are directly employed and work on iconic projects all over the world (Europe, USA, Canada, Latin America, Middle East). These include the largest

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telescope on the planet, the ELT (Extremely Large Telescope), with a primary mirror 39 metres in diameter, which will be based in the Atacama Desert in Chile. Other internationally renowned Cimolai projects include the United Arab Emirates pavilion at EXPO 2021 in Dubai, the Al Bayt stadium in Qatar for the next World Cup, the floodgates for the new Panama Canal, Calatrava's "Oculus" underground station at Ground Zero in New York, Vessel, a complex honeycomb structure, and The Shed cultural centre, both in Manhattan. In Italy, among other works, Cimolai has built the new Fiumicino Airport Terminal in Rome and the AV railway station in Reggio Emilia. In addition, the company has established a strong position in the shipbuilding market, constructing several hulls for cruise ships (such as Seabourn Odyssey, Sojourn and Quest, already completed, and Seabourn Venture soon to be built), ferries and barges.

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