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Finmeccanica Statement

"The announcement of discussions regarding a possible combination of the businesses between EADS and BAE Systems represents an important step in the consolidation of the European defence industry, and an even more significant step in geo-political terms, taking into account the two bilateral agreements recently undertaken between France and Germany and between France and the United Kingdom. Finmeccanica, which has promoted and participated in the integration of European defence, seeing this development as strategically important, has established consolidated partnerships with both Companies in the industrial, technological and commercial field, which will continue with the combined entity", Finmeccanica stated regarding a possible combination of the businesses between EADS and BAE Systems.

Finneccanica plays a leading role in the global aerospace, defence and security industry. It participates in some of the sector's biggest international programmes through its operating companies and thanks to partnerships in Europe and the USA. A leader in the design and manufacture of helicopters, defence and security electronics, civil and military aircraft, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure and defence systems, Finmeccanica is tally's leading high-tect company with significant manufacturing assets and expertise in the transport and energy sectors. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, as of 31 December 2011, Finmeccanica had around 70,474 employees, including 40,224 in Italy, some 10,450 in the US, over 9,300 in the UK, some 3,700 in France, around 3,250 in Poland, and 964 in Germany. Over 85% of the Group's employees are based in three "domestic" markets (Italy, the UK and the USA). As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological excellence, Finmeccanica sectors around 12% of its revenues on research and development.