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PRESS RELEASE

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Finmeccanica: contract worth more than EUR 500 million as part of the Eurofighter programme

Finmeccanica, through its company Alenia Aermacchi, has won a contract worth more than EUR 500 million to supply technical and logistical support services as part of the Eurofighter Typhoon programme. The agreement is part of the broader five-year agreement signed by the Eurofighter GmbH consortium with NETMA (NATO Eurofighter and Tornado Management Agency) to provide support for the fleet of Typhoon aircraft belonging to the four Eurofighter partner nations: Italy, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The partner companies in the Eurofighter programme - Alenia Aermacchi in Italy, BAE Systems in the UK and Cassidian in Germany and Spain - will work closely with local Air Forces and Ministries of Defence to implement the systems for providing logistical support services and to handle future client requirements.

With 559 aircraft under production contract and 321 delivered, Eurofighter Typhoon represents Europe's largest ever industrial military partnership program, enabling the development of new technologies and innovative industrial processes and reinforcing the European aerospace industry within the global competition.

Finneccanica plays a leading role in the global aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the sector's biggest international programmes through its group companies and thanks to well-established alliances with European and US partners. 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 Italy's leading high-tech company. It also boasts significant manufacturing assets and expertise in the transport and energy sectors; it is listed on the Milan stock exchange and operates via a number of group companies and joint ventures. At December 31⁴⁸ 2011, the Finmeccanica Group had 70,474 employees, including 40,224 in Italy, approximately 10,450 in the US, more than 9,300 in the UK, nearly 3,700 in France, nearly 3,250 in Poland and 964 in Germany. Over 85% of the Group's employees are based in our three "domestic" markets (Italy, UK, USA). As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological excellence, the Finmeccanica Group sends 11% of its revenues on research and development.