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Finmeccanica: new AgustaWestland orders worth more than EUR 300 million

Finmeccanica, through its company AgustaWestland, has announced orders with a total value of more than EUR 300 million for 37 helicopters. Among the principal agreements announced during Farnborough Air Show 2012, currently being held in Farnborough (UK), was one with CHC company for 10 AW139 and with ERA for 5 AW189 helicopters. Other important contracts were also announced with a numbers of commercial and government customers for 12 AW169 and 11 AW139 helicopters.

These announcements confirm AgustaWestland's product range as the most modern and competitive on the global market. Thanks to the AW139, AW189 and AW169 series, Finmeccanica's helicopter company can offer a family of new-generation products unique to the global market. These 4-8 ton products share common equipment and components, as well as operating capability, and have the same design philosophy. These characteristics offer greater operating flexibility to operators, simplified training activities and faster maintenance, thus reducing costs.

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, Finneccanica is tally's leading high-tech company with significant manufacture and defence systems, Finneccanica is tally's leading high-tech company with significant manufacture and defence systems, Finneccanica is tally's leading high-tech company with significant manufacture and events in the transport and energy sectors. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, as of 31 December 2011, Finneccanica 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, Finneccanica second 12% of its revenues on research and development.