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PRESS RELEASE

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Finmeccanica: new contracts worth a total of EUR 120 million

Finmeccanica has been awarded new contracts worth a total of EUR 120 million through its subsidiary SELEX Sistemi Integrati.

The first contract, signed with the Italian Ministry of Defence, concerns the protection system upgrade for Italian operating bases (FOB) and support bases (FSB) operating in Afghanistan. SELEX Sistemi Integrati, as head of a temporary grouping of enterprises with two other Finmeccanica companies, SELEX Galileo and OTO Melara, will be responsible for the construction, installation and integration of the entire system.

The second contract, also signed with the Italian Ministry of Defence, relates to the upgrading of various operational functions of the command and control system (SIACCON2) developed by SELEX Sistemi Integrati for the Italian army and the connective infrastructure currently used by Italy's Armed Forces in Afghanistan. This contract was also awarded to SELEX Sistemi Integrati as prime contractor of a temporary grouping of enterprises with other Finmeccanica companies, including SELEX Elsag and Telespazio.

SELEX Sistemi Integrati has signed further contracts with the Italian Ministry of Defence to maintain the Italian Army Information Management System (SIGE) and to develop new system services and functions for all of Italy's Armed Forces.

Finally, the company has signed a contract with NATO agency NAHEMA both to develop the new mission planning system for the A129 combat helicopter, and to update the technology used in the mission planning system of the NH90 tactical transport helicopter. Both aircraft are used by the Italian Army.