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PRESS RELEASE

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Finmeccanica wins new orders worth around EUR 112 million through its subsidiary Telespazio

Telespazio, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded new contracts with a total value of about EUR 112 million in the first few weeks of 2012.

In particular, the company's subsidiary Telespazio France has signed five contracts worth totally EUR 86 million to supply space operations services for a further five years to the French space agency CNES and Arianespace at the Kourou Space Centre (French Guiana). Telespazio France will provide operational services for planning, telemetry, trajectory control and telecommunications during space launches from the Kourou base. Telespazio France has also won a contract worth EUR 4 million from the European Space Agency (ESA) for the operational management of the DIANE tracking and telemetry station in French Guiana.

As part of the European GMES programme, the company's subsidiary e-GEOS (80% Telespazio, 20% Italian Space Agency) has been awarded two contracts put out to tender by the European Commission worth a maximum of EUR 9.6 million. e-GEOS, which operates in the Earth observation services sector, will provide the authorities and European and national civil protection bodies with geospatial information and satellite maps of areas affected by emergencies, thereby supporting the management and organisation of the response to disasters.

From the European Space Agency (ESA) Telespazio has acquired a contract to provide the centralised logistics support for the network of European Space Tracking Stations (ESTRACK) as well as the Maintenance and Operations services for the Kourou and Malargüe stations. The network is used by the ESA to manage its satellites in orbit. The contract, which will have a duration of three years, plus an optional extension of two years, is worth a total of around EUR 10 millions.

Telespazio has signed two new contracts with satellite operator INMARSAT. Under the first agreement, Telespazio's Fucino Space Centre will host the first ground station for INMARSAT's new "Global Xpress" telecommunication service. The second contract extends INMARSAT's Broadband Global Area Network (BGAN) services, which are provided by the Fucino Space Centre, for a further four years.

Lastly, the company's subsidiary Telespazio Brasil was awarded a contract worth EUR 2.5 million with Oi, Brazil's largest telephone operator, to supply the satellite back-up network for the Banco do Brasil.

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 tlay'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 September 30th 2011, the Finmeccanica Group had 71,050 employees, including 40,435 in Italy, approximately 10,600 in the US, more than 9,400 in the UK, nearly 3,700 in France, nearly 3,300 in Poland and 990 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 spends 11% of its revenues on research and development.