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Presentation of the 'Inventory of OTO Melara's Historical Archives 1902-1972'. Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 11.00 am. OTO Melara, Via Valdilocchi 15, La Spezia

The Inventory of the historical archives of OTO Melara, related to the period ranging from 1902 to 1972, will be presented at OTO Melara on Wednesday 23 May.

The volume, published by the prestigious series of volumes of the Ansaldo Foundation, is the result of an important work carried out by the Melara Museum Association with the coordination of the Archives Office of Liguria. The volume represents a long work of preservation, recovery and restoration of the company's historical documents since the foundation of the Terni Group.

OTO Melara has always enhanced the importance of its history. With this publication it contributes to consolidating interest in the company's archives offering the unique opportunity to bring to light documents that were not accessible or that could be consulted only in public archives: booklets, account books and papers of inestimable historical, social, industrial and economic value also for the history of the Italian Defence. Experts will be able to access the historical data of one of the most important companies of the Defence Industry. Carlo Alberto Iardella, CEO of OTO Melara, said: 'We could speak at length about the documentary potential of OTO Melara 's archives, but let's leave the inventory the task to describe the archives' contents'.

OTO Melara, a Finmeccanica Company, is active in naval, land and air weapon systems with state-of-the-art technologies. OTO Melara is organized according to different product lines: production and R&D capabilities ranging from turret weapon systems and naval guns to missile launchers, from conventional to guided ammunition, and from combat vehicles and artillery to antiaircraft systems and UGVs. OTO Melara is a strong player for high-tech military supplies to domestic and foreign Armed Forces alike, because OTO Melara is a well consolidated, traditional, worldwide-known, and reliable company. The strength and capability to deliver innovative and cost-effective weapon system solutions and strong links with universities and research centres enable OTO Melara to remain at the top of crucial technology areas. More than one century of history is a tremendous incentive to keep looking forward and discover new concepts and technologies in order to maintain the company portfolio at the cutting edge of innovation. OTO Melara has a heritage which is rich in invention and ideas, strong in pioneering, and future oriented in ambition.