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One billion Euro contract signed between the Eurofighter consortium and the inter-governmental agency NETMA

Finmeccanica: more than 400 million Euro coming from the new electronically scanned radar for the Eurofighter

- Finmeccanica-Selex ES will be the project leader in developing the new active electronically scanned radar for the Typhoon
- Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi will contribute to integrate the radar system into the aircraft
- Moretti: “A more competitive fighter on international markets”

The contract signed today in Edinburgh between the European consortium Eurofighter GmbH, which produces the Typhoon fighter, and the inter-governmental agency NETMA (NATO Eurofighter and Tornado Management Agency) to develop the electronically scanned Captor-E radar for the Typhoon, will represent for Finmeccanica an order value of more than 400 million Euro.

Finmeccanica, through its companies Selex ES and Alenia Aermacchi, will contribute to develop, produce and integrate the new radar which presents several operational advantages over the mechanical M-scan, including increased visual field and target detection, advanced air-to-surface capabilities and enhanced electronic protection measures.

“I am particularly proud of the contract signed today”, said Finmeccanica’s CEO and General Manager, Mauro Moretti. “It is further evidence of how the products and services provided by Finmeccanica Group represent cutting edge technological solutions capable of guaranteeing high performance levels in line with the best market standards”. “The production of the new

Finmeccanica is Italy’s leading manufacturer in the high technology sector and ranks among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security. In 2013 Finmeccanica generated revenues of 16 billion Euro and obtained orders for 17.6 billion euro, with about 64,000 employees operating in 362 sites (of which 138 industrial facilities) in 22 countries worldwide. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (FNC IM; SIFI.MI), Finmeccanica is a multinational and multicultural group which boasts permanent industrial and commercial establishments in four domestic markets (Italy, United Kingdom, United States and Poland) and a significant network of partnerships at international level. Finmeccanica’s success is based on its technological excellence, which springs from conspicuous investments in Research & Development (amounting to 11% of the revenues), and the constant efforts in developing and integrating the skills, know-how and values of its operating companies. Finmeccanica is active, through controlled companies and joint ventures, in the following sectors: Helicopters (AgustaWestland), Defence Electronics and Security (Selex ES, DRS Technologies), Aeronautics (Alenia Aermacchi, ATR, SuperJet International), Space (Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space), Defence Systems (OTO Melara, WASS, MBDA) and Transportation (Ansaldo STS, AnsaldoBreda, BredaMenarinibus).

Captor-E radar – Finmeccanica's CEO and General Manager pointed out – will be managed, in the role of project leader of the Euroradar Consortium, by Finmeccanica-Selex ES which, together with Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi, will also jointly integrate it into the aircraft. Today's signing – Mr. Moretti concluded – represents an important step forward towards the future prospects of the Eurofighter programme since the aircraft upgrade will enable it to compete more effectively on international markets".

More specifically, Finmeccanica-Selex ES will produce the new radar at its facilities in Edinburgh and Nerviano (Milan) while Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi (Turin site), in the radar integration phase, will be responsible for the navigation systems.

Finmeccanica Group is responsible for over 60% of the electronics on board the Eurofighter Typhoon, roughly 20% of the aerostructures, and for the training and simulation activities for both the four Partner Nations (United Kingdom, Italy, Germany and Spain) and for customers in its export markets.

NOTE FOR THE EDITORS: *The Eurofighter Typhoon is the most advanced new generation multirole fighter available on global markets. Seven Nations (Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Austria, Saudi Arabia and Oman) have already ordered the Eurofighter Typhoon. Moreover, the Eurofighter Typhoon is currently the largest military procurement programme in Europe. The cutting edge technology fitted into the aircraft reinforces the role played by the European aerospace industry on international markets. The programme guarantees over 100,000 jobs in more than 400 companies. Eurofighter GmbH manages the programme on behalf of partner companies Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi in Italy, BAE Systems in UK, and Airbus Defence and Space in Germany and Spain, Europe's leading aviation and aerospace industries.*