FINMECCANICA SHOWS STRENGTH IN KEY BRAZILIAN MARKET AT LAAD SECURITY 2016

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Finmeccanica will be showcasing the company's expertise in aerospace and security sectors and its footprint in the key Brazilian market through this week's LAAD Security exhibition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Poised for growth in the region, the company will display solutions from the sectors of security, helicopters, airborne, space, and naval defence electronics that will improve safety and security for a nation growing its role within South America and across the world. Finmeccanica will welcome visitors to its stand having recently announced that it has chosen "Leonardo" as its new name.

Highlighting the presence in the Brazilian security sector will be an AW109 GrandNew helicopter from the Government of the State of Sao Paolo, delivered in 2015 and used to perform environmental and forest patrols and airborne surveillance. Finmeccanica has over 200 helicopters operating in Brazil performing many roles including executive/corporate transport, law enforcement, public utility and offshore transport.

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The Brazilian market will allow for growth of the recently EASA certified AW169, as well as the AW109 Trekker, for law enforcement and security operations. Well established in Brazil is the AW119Kx, a single engine aircraft recently upgraded with a glass cockpit and advanced avionics adopted by operators seeking a comprehensive range of role equipment. First to adopt the AW139 in South America was the Policia Federal of Brazil, substantially enhancing their operational capabilities.

Based in São Paulo, Finmeccanica state of the art regional support centre provides customer support services to the growing fleet of AgustaWestland helicopters in Brazil and other South American countries for the AW119, AW109 series, Grand, GrandNew and AW139 and in the near future for the AW189 and AW169.

With a presence dating back over 30 years, Finmeccanica is helping to improve the security of its Brazilian customers through the provision of leading-edge electronic equipment and systems to the armed forces, ensuring the maximum protection to fleets and crews, and to government agencies for the protection of critical national infrastructure, such as ports, airports and oil and gas facilities, and to improve the security, safety and efficiency of telecommunications during major events. The most recent example is the cooperation with CEMADEN (Centro Nacional de Monitoramento e Alertas de Desastres Naturais - Centre for monitoring and warning for natural disasters), where Finmeccanica provides meteorological radar systems.

At LAAD Security, Finmeccanica is proud to showcase advanced networks and systems for professional communications such as the Perseus and the PUMA T4, a mobile radio which integrates both LTE and TETRA (Terrestrial Trunked Radio) technologies in a single device. The company will also be exhibiting its license plate-reader system and a tactical table for emergency management and enhanced situational awareness. The tactical table has the ability to integrate and analyse information acquired from the ground. Also on show will be the new NA30S MK2 naval weapon control system and the company’s ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance) superiority capabilities for the airborne domain (UAV countermeasure, Mini UAV systems, airborne ISR systems).

Notable systems supplied by Finmeccanica to Brazil’s armed forces include the SISTAC tactical communications system for the Army, a number of naval sensors for the Brazilian Navy frigates and a wide variety of advanced airborne systems which are in operation on most of the aircraft used by the Força Aerea Brasileira (FAB). These include the Gabbiano radar for the KC390, the SeaSpray 5000E radar for the P95 maritime patrol aircraft Bandeirante and an advanced sensor suite for the latest- generation fighter Gripen NG.

The Gripen NG suite incorporates state-of-the-art Finmeccanica sensors including the Raven ES-05 AESA radar, the innovative, passive IRST (Infra-Red Search and Track) system, a latest-generation IFF system (Identification-Friend-or-Foe) and the BriteCloud self-protection decoy.

For ICT networks, Finmeccanica guarantees its customers performance, continuity, and information superiority, as well as protecting its infrastructure and applications through targeted solutions. The company also develops digital solutions which are inherently safe by identifying, reducing and managing cyber threats, vulnerabilities and risks. Through this work, Finmeccanica is able to provide innovative solutions to counter the increasingly pervasive and structured cyber threats to a civil or military organisation’s technological, information and intellectual assets.

Finmeccanica has been present in the Space sector in Brasil since 1997 through its subsidiary, Telespazio Brasil. With headquarters in Rio de Janeiro and regional offices in São Paulo, Porto

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Alegre and Cuiabá, Telespazio Brasil is today one of Brazil's leading providers in the satellite telecommunications sector, offering a wide range of cutting-edge solutions and multimedia services for the Corporate and Government market.

The company is also active in the Earth observation sector, marketing the products of the COSMO-SkyMed radar satellite constellation on behalf of e-GEOS (a Telespazio/ASI company), especially for environmental monitoring, agriculture, defence and security and oil & gas protection applications. Thales Alenia Space (joint venture between Finmeccanica and Thales) is supported by Telespazio Brasil in the installation and pre-operational activities related to the Control Center of the SGDC (Satélite Geoestacionário de Defesa e Comunicações Estratégicas), the Brazilian government satellite for military and civil applications whose construction was awarded by Visiona to Thales Alenia Space in 2013.

Finmeccanica is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into business Divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Finmeccanica operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange, at 31 December 2014, Finmeccanica recorded restated consolidated revenues of 12.8 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.

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