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Finmeccanica: AgustaWestland awarded about EUR 910 million contracts by the UK Minister of Defence

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded two contracts by the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) for a total value of about EUR 910 million.

The first contract includes the conversion of 25 AW101 Merlin helicopters for maritime operations under the Merlin Life Sustainment Programme (MLSP). The 25 AW101 Merlins optimised for maritime missions will be delivered to replace the Royal Navy's fleet of Sea King Mk4 helicopters.

Under the second contract, AgustaWestland will provide comprehensive support and maintenance services for the UK MoD's fleet of Apache AH Mk.1 Attack Helicopter for five years.

The participation of AgustaWestland to these programmes, aimed at delivering enhanced capabilities to the British Armed Forces, strengthens the well established partnership between the UK MoD and the Finmeccanica Group.

These two important contracts - announced by The Rt. Hon Philip Hammond MP, Secretary of State for Defence, during a visit to AgustaWestland's factory in Yeovil, England - confirm the leadership of Finmeccanica in competing successfully in the global market and in serving effectively and efficiently our customers, with a unique combination of best products, services and customised modernisation programmes.

Finmeccanica is Italy's main industrial group, leader in the high technology field, and ranks among the top ten groups at world level in the Aerospace, Defence and Security sectors. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (FNC IM; SIFI.MI), with revenues of approximately 17 billion Euro, over 68,000 employees, 150 operating and commercial locations and 345 production facilities in 50 different countries world-wide, Finmeccanica is an international and multicultural group with an important presence in its four domestic markets: Italy, United Kingdom, the United States and Poland. Finmeccanica's success is based on its technological excellence, which springs from conspicuous investments in Research & Development (amounting to 12% of the revenues), and the constant efforts it makes to develop and integrate the skills, know-how and values of its operating companies. Finmeccanica is active in the following sectors: Helicopters (AgustaWestland), Defence Electronics and Security (Selex ES, DRS) and Aeronautics (Alenia Aermacchi) – which represent its core business – and it is also well positioned in the sectors of Space (Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space), Defence Systems (Oto Melara, WASS, MBDA) and Transportation (Ansaldo STS, AnsaldoBreda, BredaMenarinibus).