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Finmeccanica: F-35, the US Undersecretary of Defense, Kendall, expresses satisfaction during site visit to Cameri

Welcomed by general Stefanini and General Preziosa, Hewson (Lockheed Martin) and Mauro Moretti

A US delegation from the Department of Defense led by the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Frank Kendall, visited today the manufacturing plant managed by Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi at the Military Air Force base in Cameri (Novara, Italy), specialized in the assembly of wing components for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program (JSF).

Kendall was welcomed by the Secretary General of Defense, Enzo Stefanini, by the Air Force Chief of Staff, Pasquale Preziosa, by the CEO of Lockheed Martin Corporation, Marillyn Hewson, and by the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Finmeccanica, Mauro Moretti, who illustrated the role played by the Italian Group in the F-35 program.

Kendall expressed satisfaction for the high technological standards of the items produced, the high quality of the production lines, and for compliance with the product delivery schedule.

The F-35 program, when fully operational, will employ around 1,500 people at the plant. If all the satellite activities are taken into account, the national workforce will reach a total of 6,500 units during the same period.

Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi - leader of a pool of 25 Italian companies among which also other companies of the Finmeccanica Group like Selex ES and OTO Melara – envisages the construction of about 800 full wings.

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; SIFL.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).