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Finmeccanica: Selex ES awarded a AUD 188 million (about EUR 125 million) contract in Australia

Selex ES, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded an AUD 188 million (about EUR 125 million) contract by the Australian Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. The company will provide and support modernization of communication systems of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) eight ANZAC-Class frigates, as part of the SEA1442 Phase 4 programme. The first upgraded ship is planned to enter service in 2018.

All support services necessary to sustain this new capability are to be delivered through Selex ES Australia Pty, based in Melbourne. The company has been established to play a leading role in the delivery and support of the programme and will be the focal point for the transfer of skills and experience to Australian industry.

Under project SEA 1442 Phase 4, the Australian Industry Capability elements will complement the important work undertaken by Finmeccanica to identify potential competitive opportunities for Australian small and medium enterprises under the Australian Government Global Supply Chain programme, where Finmeccanica entered in 2012.

Looking forward, the capability upgrade will lay the foundation of a maritime architecture critical to future RAN tactical communications. It will also contribute towards the Australian Defence Force's network-centric warfare concept in the maritime environment, helping reach the goal of a networked RAN.

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), Energy (Ansaldo Energia) and Transportation (Ansaldo STS, AnsaldoBreda, BredaMenarinibus).