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Finmeccanica inaugurates its new representative office for the Middle East in Abu Dhabi, UAE

Six years after the opening of its representative office in the United Arab Emirates, Finmeccanica has inaugurated its new Abu Dhabi headquarters. The ceremony was held Saturday, November 16, in the presence of H.E. Giorgio Starace, Italian Ambassador to UAE, Victor Hurtado, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of USA to UAE, Khalfan Al Shamsi, CEO of the local company Frontiers, and senior representatives of Finmeccanica.

The office is home to several Group companies and aims to enhance the coordination and promotion of its business activities in the Gulf, to provide better assistance for the performance of current programmes, to support after-sales services and to respond effectively to the growing needs of Middle Eastern countries.

The Gulf countries are important partners for the Finmeccanica Group, whose companies have been active in the area for about 35 years. In particular, Finmeccanica is currently trying to expand its activities in the UAE, Kuwait and Qatar, in a broad range of industries. These activities include technology partnerships with local industry, the creation of joint ventures, technology transfers, and higher education courses to give powerful backing to these countries and their vision of development and ambitious plans for the future.

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).