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Finmeccanica Press Note

With reference to reports published today by certain media outlets, Pierfrancesco Guarguaglini would like to clarify that the legal measures in question consist of the notification of a request to extend the period of the preliminary investigation that includes, as is often the practice, bare elements of the case and in which there is no reference to the facts that are allegedly the subject of the investigation.

Finmeccanica underlines that the remuneration paid to a company run by Lorenzo Cola for consultancy services received (and that were governed by a contractual agreement) in relation to the acquisition of the US company DRS, was registered in the normal way in Finmeccanica's accounts and was paid entirely via a bank transfer executed by a major US bank in 2008, as recorded in Finmeccanica's accounts for the same year.

Therefore any suggestion of irregular payments by Finmeccanica is totally without foundation.

Finally, Finmeccanica rejects any accusation that it has ever created any kind of illegal funding mechanisms.