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Finmeccanica: AgustaWestland signs new contracts worth a total of about EUR 128 million

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded contracts worth a total of about EUR 128 million by different customers for the supply of 17 helicopters for both government and commercial roles.

In particular, the Philippine Air Force signed a contract for eight AW109 Power helicopters, also including initial logistics support and training for aircrew and maintenance personnel. These aircraft will be used for homeland security missions.

Furthermore, AgustaWestland secured contracts for 9 commercial helicopters with customers who will operate these units in UK and Italy. Specifically, Avincis Group ordered two AW189s for offshore operations in UK, plus one AW139 and two AW169s which will be used for emergency medical services in Sicily. Four VIP/corporate-configured helicopters, namely three AW139s and one GrandNew helicopter, were ordered by various customers in Italy.

These contracts further expand the presence of AgustaWestland range of state-of-the-art models in the global market and confirm the outstanding competitiveness of the company in both government and commercial segments.

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).