

Leonardo-Finmeccanica: Vice President of the Republic of Panama visits helicopter assembly lines in Vergiate

- **The relationship between Leonardo and Panama is strengthened with the delivery of an AgustaWestland GrandNew EMS helicopter**
- **Ongoing programmes in Panama include an Integrated Automation, Command and Control system for the Panama Canal, a digital mapping system from Telespazio and AW139 helicopters for transport and homeland security missions**
- **Approximately 360 helicopters from the Grand/GrandNew series have been ordered by more than 220 customers in about 40 countries around the world**

Rome, July 26, 2016 - The Vice President of the Republic of Panama, Isabel de Saint Malo de Alvarado, visited Leonardo-Finmeccanica's factory in Vergiate (Varese) today, home to the company's main helicopter final assembly lines. The Vice President of Panama and a senior accompanying delegation had the opportunity to view the industrial capabilities and modern range of products that make Leonardo a leader in the global helicopter market. During the visit an AgustaWestland GrandNew helicopter, which will be used in Panama for emergency medical services, was presented to the Vice President.

Leonardo has a growing presence in Panama, and has been awarded several major Government programmes, including contracts for a digital mapping system supplied by Telespazio and AgustaWestland AW139 helicopters used for homeland security duties and utility transport.

Leonardo has also provided the new integrated Automation, Command and Control system for the newly built waterways of the Panama Canal, comprising the control rooms supporting the monitoring of the operations. The new Canal, inaugurated on 26th June, allows the transfer of ships with over 13,000 containers and enables the transit capacity to be doubled to meet the growing demand along this main international maritime trade route.

Mauro Moretti, CEO and Managing Director of Leonardo-Finmeccanica, said "Today's event reinvigorates and strengthens our valued relationship with the Republic of Panama. Decisions made by the current management team concerning transparency and integrity principles have allowed us to close several prior issues and return to a working relationship based on trust and technological excellence. These are essential to a supplier and have been at the center of my commitment since I began in July 2014. Due to the delicate mission that it has to perform, the helicopter that we deliver today proves even more that the Republic of Panama trusts us."

Note

Following the process of the reorganisation of the **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** Group's companies, it should be noted that from January 1st 2016: the "Helicopters" division has absorbed the activities of AgustaWestland; the "Aircraft" division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the "Aero-structures" division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the "Airborne & Space Systems" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Land & Naval Defence Electronics" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Security & Information Systems" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Defence Systems" division has absorbed the activities of OTO Melara and WASS.

Leonardo-Finmeccanica is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Leonardo-Finmeccanica operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), at 31 December 2015 Finmeccanica recorded consolidated revenues of 13 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.

Note to editors on the GrandNew helicopter

The outstanding performance of the GrandNew in terms of speed and range, its large cabin for easy access, high safety standards and its modern avionics make the light-twin helicopter ideal for EMS (Emergency Medical Service) missions. With a top speed of over 300 km/h and a wide and versatile cabin able to accommodate a combination of 1-2 stretchers and medical personnel, the GrandNew can reach the patient and rapidly transport them to the nearest suitable hospital. The state-of-the-art avionics includes an advanced autopilot, collision avoidance and systems to improve visibility at night or in the presence of smoke, smog and fog guaranteeing maximum flight safety and reducing the work load of the crew who can then focus on the mission. About 360 helicopters of the Grand/GrandNew series have been ordered by more than 220 customers in about 40 countries around the world for rescue tasks, passenger transport, law enforcement, offshore transport, electronic news gathering, maritime patrol and pollution monitoring.