

Lieutenant General Michael W. Wooley, USAF (Ret.) appointed to Alenia North America's Board of Directors

Washington - May 19, 2008 - Today, Alenia North America, a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica Group, announced the appointment of retired Air Force Lieutenant General and former Commander U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Michael W. Wooley, to its Board of Directors.

"We are very pleased to welcome General Wooley to Alenia North America," said ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret.), Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alenia North America. "The leadership experience General Wooley gained from his roles as a pilot, special operations warrior, and Air Force Commander will no doubt provide our Board with invaluable wisdom and direction as we seek to expand the presence of Alenia in North America."

"Alenia is keenly focused on expanding its core business here in North America," said Giuseppe Giordo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alenia North America, Inc. "We welcome the guidance and contributions of General Wooley as we collectively work to introduce new, innovative products to the North American marketplace."

General Wooley retired from the Air Force earlier this year, after 35 years of service. He served overseas three times in roles as Chief of Strategy and Policy for U.S. Forces in Korea; Commander of the 86th Airlift Wing and Kaiserslautern Military Community in Ramstein AB, Germany; and finally as Commander of the 3rd Air Force, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. He has held command positions six times and served in the Headquarters of the U.S. Air Force in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations. General Wooley is a command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours.

About Alenia North America

Alenia North America is a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica Group. Its mission is to further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America. Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with offices in Seattle, Washington; Long Beach, California; Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna, Georgia. Alenia North America - Canada, a subsidiary wholly owned by Alenia North America, has offices in Ottawa, Canada. Alenia North America is also a shareholder in several joint venture companies located in the United States. Global Aeronautica, a joint venture with Vought Aircraft Company, located in North Charleston, South Carolina, performs significant integration and sub assembly work for the Boeing 787 program. Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), a joint venture with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, is a center of excellence to support the C-27J in North America. GMAS is headquartered in Madison, Mississippi. Alenia North America has recently announced its intent to establish a new final assembly and production facility for the C-27J at Cecil Field in Jacksonville, Florida. The C-27J is the world leader in the twin engine military tactical aircraft market with 117 units sold worldwide. The C-27J was recently selected by the U.S. Army & Air Force for the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) Program. Alenia North America is also responsible for introducing other Alenia platforms to the North American market including the ATR 42/73 special mission aircraft and the M-346, the worlds most advanced 5th generation twin engine, advance jet/lead-in trainer.

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