

## **U.S. AIR FORCE AWARDS ALENIA NORTH AMERICA APPROXIMATELY \$7 MILLION LOGISTICS SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR AFGHAN C-27/G.222**

Washington, D.C. – 5 October, 2009 -- Alenia North America, a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica Group has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Air Force (USAF) to provide logistic support and maintenance in Afghanistan for the C-27/G.222 aircraft currently being delivered for the Afghanistan National Army Air Corps (ANAAC). The \$7 million contract provides for additional logistic support and maintenance for the program. The logistical support in Afghanistan is being conducted by Alenia's partner L-3 Vertex Aerospace.

The first refurbished and modernized C-27/G.222 aircraft was delivered to the USAF on September 25. Deliveries will continue through 2011. The first training class for U.S. Air Force Instructors is anticipated to begin shortly.

### **About the C-27/G.222 ANAAC Program**

In 2008, Finmeccanica's subsidiary Alenia North America was awarded a contract by the United States Air Force to supply 18 refurbished C-27/G.222 aircraft for the ANAAC. The 18 refurbished aircraft will be used by the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan. They will be transferred by the Combined Air Power Transition Force in Kabul to the reconstructed ANAAC. The C-27/G.222 will serve as the back bone of the ANAAC and aid significantly in expanding the capability of the ANAAC to provide humanitarian aid and security to the Afghan population throughout the country.

Alenia North America, as prime contractor, is responsible for program management. Logistical support in Afghanistan will be carried out by L-3 Vertex Aerospace. The aircraft are being refurbished and modernized by Alenia Aeronautica in its Capodichino facility near Naples, Italy.

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 The Boeing 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 in Jacksonville, Florida. The C-27J is the world leader in the twin engine military tactical aircraft market with 121 units sold worldwide.