

Alenia North America appoints John H. Young, Jr. CEO of Alenia North America Defense

WASHINGTON, D.C. - December 2, 2009 - Today Alenia North America Inc., a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica (a Finmeccanica Company) is extremely pleased to announce the appointment of John H. Young, Jr. as the Chief Executive Officer of Alenia North America Defense.

“John’s experience in managing complex business units and large strategic business pursuits will prove to be a tremendous asset to our company”, said Giuseppe Giordo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alenia North America. “This announcement clearly demonstrates our continued commitment to the U.S. market and I am also very confident that John will play a key and vital role in assuring we achieve our U.S. business goals and objectives”, Mr. Giordo said.

Mr. Young brings with him a breath of successful senior executive level Aerospace and Defense industry experience. Mr. Young spent over 30 years of his career at the Northrop Grumman Corporation where he served in numerous executive positions for their Electronics, Space, and Aircraft businesses and ultimately in their corporate office as the Vice President for Corporate Contracts, Pricing, Program Management and other critical companywide functions. He then went on to serve as the Chief Operating Officer for EADS North America and the Chief Executive Officer for EADS North America Tankers LLC. Most recently Mr. Young managed the Young Consulting Group which provided services to both the domestic and international Aerospace and Defense industry. Mr. Young served in the U.S. Marine Corps Aviation Group as part of their Photo Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare squadron. He has also served on numerous Academic, U.S. Government and Industry boards, including as the Chairman for the U.S. Aerospace Industry Association’s Procurement and Finance Executive Committee.

About Alenia North America Defense, LLC.

Alenia North America Defense is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alenia North America, responsible for managing the company’s defense related business in North America. The company was established to facilitate the management of classified information with the U.S. Department of Defense and to further expand the company’s defense related business in the United States.

Alenia North America is a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica (a Finmeccanica Company). 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 responsible for system engineering integration, avionics upgrades, training and logistics support for the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft, and headquartered in Madison, Mississippi. The C-27J is the world leader in the twin engine military tactical aircraft market and has been sold to U.S., Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania and Morocco. Other Alenia North America products include the C-27/G.222 tactical transport aircraft and the M-346 (produced by the sister company Alenia Aermacchi, 100% owned by Alenia Aeronautica) Advanced Jet Trainer and Light Attack aircraft, both of which are currently competing in the US market.