

ALENIA NORTH AMERICA DELIVERS FIFTH C-27/G.222 AIRCRAFT FOR THE AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL ARMY AIR CORPS

Capodichino (Naples), Italy – 18 May 2010 – Alenia North America, a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and a part of the Finmeccanica Group, delivered the fifth Afghanistan National Army Air Corps (ANAAC) C-27/G.222 aircraft to the United States Air Force. The remanufactured and modernized airlifter was delivered at the end of April and was immediately deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan to join the other four aircraft. The aircraft is the fifth of 18 C-27/G.222 aircraft ordered by the United States Air Force to be delivered at Alenia's Capodichino facility near Naples, Italy.

Alenia North America began delivery of the aircraft in September 2009 and deliveries are scheduled to continue through 2011. The aircraft are currently flying with the Combined Air Power Transition Force (CAPTF) and the Afghanistan National Army Air Corp (ANAAC) in Kabul, Afghanistan. The United States Air Advisor crews are trained on the C-27/G.222 by Alenia Aeronautica in Capodichino, Naples.

About the C-27/G.222 ANAAC Program

In 2008, Alenia North America was awarded a contract by the United States Air Force to supply 18 refurbished C-27/G.222 aircraft for the Afghanistan National Army Air Corps (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 through expanding its capability to provide humanitarian aid and security to the Afghan population throughout the country.

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