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Alenia Aeronautica, Avio and Lockheed Martin sign five-year contract to support Italian Air Force's C-130J Fleet

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, the leader of an industrial team with Avio and Lockheed Martin, signed a five-year contract with the Italian Air Force to provide technical and logistical support services to their C-130J airlift fleet.

The contract is worth €155 million and covers a fully integrated service to improve full efficiency and availability of the Italian Air Force's C-130J fleet.

Alenia Aeronautica will be responsible for the supply of spare parts, the management of the supply chain and the equipment maintenance (landing gear included), the maintenance of the Air Ground Equipment (AGE) and engineering support activities, including the C-130J flight simulator based at the 46th Air Brigade of Pisa.

Avio, world leader in aerospace propulsion, will be in charge of the complete propulsion system, including overhaul and technical/logistical and engineering assistance to the 92 AE2100D3 engines of the Italian military fleet.

Lockheed Martin, which designed and built the aircraft, will be responsible for the supply of repair components produced in the U.S. and for any modifications.

With this contract, the Italian Air Force had reconfirmed its trust in Alenia Aeronautica, Avio and Lockheed Martin, companies that have been providing support and technical and logistical assistance to the C-130J fleet since 2007.

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica Company, is the largest international Italian aeronautic company, and a leader in design, development, modification, maintenance, overhaul and production of commercial and military aircraft, unmanned vehicles and aerostructures. Alenia Aeronautica also coordinates the activities of Alenia Aermacchi, a wholly owned company, and a leader in the military trainer aircraft industry. Through its joint ventures ATR, Superjet International and SCAC, Alenia Aeronautica is the world leader in the regional turboprop market and a top player in the regional jet sector. In 2009, Alenia Aeronautica reported revenues of € 2.6 billion, orders for € 3.7 billion and a backlog for € 8.85 billion. Alenia Aeronautica, with its owned companies and subsidiaries, counts a total workforce of 13,000 people.

Avio is an Italian group, leader in the aerospace sector. Founded in 1908, it is present on 4 continents with commercial offices and 9 industrial plants. It has 5,200 employees, of which 4,500 work in Italy. Company revenues in 2009 were € 1.7 billion. The Group operates in 5 main business areas: i) Aeronautical; ii) Space; iii) MRO and Services; iv) Aeroderivative gas turbines for Marine and Industrial use; v) Control & Automation systems and Electrical systems. It is active in the field technological R&D through a network of laboratories on Italian university campuses, and collaboration with 24 Italian and international universities and research centers.

Lockheed Martin - Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 136,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation's 2009 sales from continuing operations were \$44.5 billion.

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