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Alenia Aeronautica expresses its satisfaction on the occasion of the maiden flight of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner yesterday

“The maiden flight of the 787 Dreamliner represents a great accomplishment for Boeing and the Italian and international aeronautics industry”, commented Giorgio Brazzelli, Chairman of Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company. “This event is a source of great satisfaction for Alenia Aeronautica, which, by producing in its Grottaglie plant a very important fuselage section, has made a significant contribution to this programme that signals the launch of a new generation for civil aircraft”.

Giovanni Bertolone, Chief Executive Officer of Alenia Aeronautica, said: “The maiden flight of the 787 Dreamliner has a particular significance for our company, which has made a strong commitment to the 787 and invested heavily in the programme from the start. Production in Italy for the 787 programme benefits from – and will continue to benefit from – the integration of the competencies and activities of Alenia Aeronautica’s centres of excellence in the country: in particular, the Pomigliano d’Arco (Campania) site for design, laboratory testing and the specialised production of certain primary structure components; the Grottaglie-Monteiasi (Puglia) site for the production of fuselage sections and the Foggia site for the production of horizontal stabilisers”.

Participation of Alenia Aeronautica in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner programme

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, participates in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner programme, which is currently the most advanced initiative in the civil aviation field, comprising the central and central-rear fuselage sections and the horizontal tail unit. Specifically, Alenia Aeronautica, as one of Boeing's main partners, has designed, developed and manufactured not only all the structural components of the aircraft under its responsibility, but has also implemented the infrastructure and defined the processes necessary for their production, thereby taking its own know-how in the field of composites to the most advanced levels of technological leadership.

Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company, is the largest Italian aeronautic company and operates world-wide in the design, development, modification, maintenance, overhaul and production of commercial and military aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles and aerostructures. Alenia Aeronautica also coordinates the activities of Alenia Aermacchi – a wholly owned company – which is a leader in military trainer aircraft. 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 market for regional jets. In 2008, Alenia Aeronautica reported revenues of € 2.5 billion, orders of € 2.7 billion and an order backlog of € 8.3 billion. Alenia Aeronautica, together with its owned companies and subsidiaries, has a total workforce of more than 13,000 people.