

Finmeccanica completes acquisition of 52.7% of Datamat SpA

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14.9 million shares bought for EUR 150.9 million. Takeover bid for the remaining shares on the market to be launched within 30 days

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Finmeccanica would like to announce that today it completed the acquisition of 14,869,829 shares in Datamat SpA (52.7%), for a purchase price of around EUR 150.9 million.

As already announced, within 30 days Finmeccanica will launch a takeover bid for the remaining Datamat shares, at a price per share of EUR 9.65 (calculated in accordance with art. 106 of the "Testo Unico" Finance Law), in accordance with procedures and a schedule that will be advised to the market immediately.

In 2004, Datamat generated revenues of EUR 171 million, of which 51% (about EUR 87 million) came from the defence and space sectors and from the Italian public administration. The company's revenues growth was 10% compared with 2003. Its operating results also show significant growth compared with December 2003:

- EBITDA up 20.5% at EUR 28.3 million;
- EBITA up 31.3% at EUR 21.3 million;

EBITDA in Datamat's core business of defence, space and public administration stood at EUR 19 million (21% of revenues). This was about 68% of the company's total EBITDA. The company was cash positive at 31 December 2004, while its shareholders' equity stood at EUR 105.4 million.

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**Finmeccanica** is Italy's leading high-tech company, operating in the design and manufacture of helicopters, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure, missiles and defence electronics. It plays a leading role in the European aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the biggest international programmes in the sector through well-established alliances with European and American partners. Finmeccanica also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the transport, energy and IT sectors. The group is listed on the Milan stock exchange, and operates in Italy and abroad through 16 companies and 6 joint ventures. It employs around 55,000 staff in total. As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological expertise, Finmeccanica spends the equivalent of over 16% of its revenues on research and development.