

Finmeccanica: Seicos to provide monitoring systems for Salerno-Reggio Calabria motorway

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Security on motorways and other strategic infrastructure in Italy will soon be provided by an integrated system for monitoring and analysing possible illegal activity, manufactured by Seicos, a Finmeccanica subsidiary that produces network management services and innovative security solutions. The news comes after Seicos signed a EUR 10 million contract with the Italian interior ministry to provide systems for detecting critical events in security-sensitive areas around the country.

Under the contract, Seicos will carry out a range of detection and monitoring activities, using high-tech sensors, in several critical areas including Italian motorways. The service will initially be installed in lay-bys on the Salerno-Reggio Calabria motorway.

Seicos (Servizi Integrati di Comunicazione per la Sicurezza) was formed in April 2004 to strengthen Finmeccanica's operations in the security sector. It provides integrated monitoring solutions, including TV cameras, detection equipment, intelligent scene analysis, communication networks and control centres, using its own systems and those of other Finmeccanica companies such as Eltag, Selex Communications and Telespazio.

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