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**BOMBARDIER AND FINMECCANICA SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW VERY HIGH-SPEED TRAIN**

Rome, 1 April 2008 – Bombardier Transportation and AnsaldoBreda, Finmeccanica's subsidiary for the railway sector, announced today their signature of an agreement to jointly develop, bid and manufacture a new high speed train capable of travelling at more than 300 km/h and which eliminates the shortcomings of existing concepts. Important aspects such as improved operating efficiency and safety, enhanced seating capacity and compliance with European interoperability standards will be addressed. This will be possible by applying the leading technologies recently developed by Bombardier Transportation and Ansaldo Breda for the global high-speed rail sector.

About Bombardier in high-speed rail

As the leading supplier of passenger rail equipment and services worldwide, Bombardier has accumulated 20 years of experience in the high-speed sector and has participated in the delivery of almost 700 trains and vehicles for high-speed and very high-speed applications worldwide. Bombardier has been a key player in the delivery of almost all very high-speed trains operating today in Europe, including the ICE family of trains in Germany, the ETR500 in Italy, the AVE S-102 in Spain and four different series of TGV in France. This experience has recently culminated in its evolutionary in-house development, known as Bombardier *ZEFIRO* high-speed technology. Utilising service-proven systems and components from some of the most successful high-speed trains in Europe and China, including the optimum in carbody, bogies, propulsion and pantograph equipment, the *ZEFIRO* technology allows to create tailor-made solutions for individual customer requirements' to ensure their commercial success. *ZEFIRO* technology was recently incorporated within a contract in China for the delivery of 20 EMU sleeper trainsets, awarded in October 2007.

About Finmeccanica/AnsaldoBreda in high-speed rail

A global player in the railway transportation and mass transit sectors, AnsaldoBreda has particular experience in high-speed rail demonstrated by the delivery of the multi system ETR500 train to the Italian railways. AnsaldoBreda is currently delivering its new V250 high-speed train to the Netherlands and Belgium railways for operation on the Amsterdam-Brussels airports route. Built with highly proven systems, such as the propulsion and the signalling systems, the V250 high speed train is known for its superior performance and compliance with European interoperability standards (TSI).

About Bombardier

A world-leading manufacturer of innovative transportation solutions, from regional aircraft and business jets to rail transportation equipment, systems and services, Bombardier Inc. is a global corporation headquartered in Canada. Its revenues for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 2007, were \$14.8 billion US, and its shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (BBD). Bombardier is listed as an index component to the Dow Jones Sustainability World and North America indexes. News and information are available at www.bombardier.com.

About Finmeccanica and Ansaldo Breda

Finmeccanica is Italy's leading high-tech company, operative in the design and manufacture of helicopters, civil and military aircrafts, aero structures, satellites, space infrastructure, missiles and defense electronics. Finmeccanica also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the Transport and Energy. The Group is listed in the Milan stock exchange and operates in Italy and abroad through its companies and joint ventures. It employs around 60.000 staff in total, about 10.000 of which are located in the UK, 3.500 in France and 2.000 in the United States.

About AnsaldoBreda

AnsaldoBreda is the Finmeccanica's specialist in the manufacture of technologically advanced rolling stock for railway and urban transit systems that represents the state of the art under both the mechanical and the electrical aspects. AnsaldoBreda builds complete trains, high-speed trains, diesel and electrical locomotives, double-decker electric trains, Electric Multiple Unit (EMU), Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU), single and double-decker passenger cars, subway cars and Sirio trams.

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