

Rome, 7 April 2009



Finmeccanica signs new agreements in Russia and further reinforces its presence in the Country

Within the business mission to Moscow – promoted by Confindustria, ABI and ICE – SELEX Sistemi Integrati, a Finmeccanica company, and the Russian companies Scartel LCC and Russian Electronics OJSCo, which belong to the Russian Technologies public group, have reached an agreement to work together in the security sector.

As part of the agreement, a consortium will be formed to design and produce systems for the management of the security of large events and the protection of critical infrastructures, such as, for example, industrial and oil plants, ports, airports and train stations. Scartel LCC is a company with significant capacity and experience in strategic sectors such as telecommunications and new technologies relating to data transmission, analysis and use. Russian Electronics is a holding active in the development and coordination of the national electronics industry.

Furthermore, within the context of the business mission, the Finmeccanica's company Alenia Aeronautica has today completed the acquisition of 25% plus one share in Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Corp. (SCAC), the company responsible for the design, development and production of the Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100), the next-generation regional jet 75-110 seats programme in which Alenia Aeronautica is Program Strategic Partner.

The Sukhoi Superjet 100 is the most important industrial programme between Europe and Russian Federation in the high-tech sector. Certification of the SSJ100, which has to date received total orders for 98 aircraft, is expected by the end of 2009 and the first delivery to the programme's first client, Aeroflot-Russian Airlines, is scheduled for the end of 2009.

In 2007 Alenia Aeronautica and Sukhoi Holding formed SuperJet International, a joint venture (51% Alenia Aeronautica, 49% Sukhoi Holding) based in Venice, responsible for marketing, sales and aircraft delivery in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Japan and Oceania, as well as after-sales support for the Sukhoi Superjet 100s in service worldwide.

Finally, Ansaldo STS and NIIAS (a subsidiary of Russian Railways JSC RZD) have signed a contract worth approximately 7.5 million Euro to test – on a pilot site to be created in two and a half years on a stretch of railway line near the city of Sochi – the innovative railway signalling ITARUS-ATC system. This is based on the interoperable European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS)/European Train Control System (ETCS), and will require the use of the most advanced Italian and Russian technological solutions.

The contract is of strategic importance to Ansaldo STS, given the great potential of the Russian market, and also lays the groundwork for further Company initiatives on the Country's railway lines with an estimated value of more than 200 million Euro in the next few years.