



## **FINMECCANICA, ELETTRONICA and HAVELSAN sign a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in Defence Electronics**

**Istanbul, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2009** – Finmeccanica, the Italian leading aerospace, defence and security company, Elettronica, the Italian leader of electronic defence warfare, and Havelsan, the Turkish company leader of C4ISR systems and simulation products, today announced an agreement - signed during the IDEF expo in Istanbul - for a hi-tech industrial Memorandum of Understanding in the Defence Electronics sector.

Under this MoU, industrial, technological and commercial opportunities will be pursued in Command and Control Systems, Naval Systems, Air Defence, Electronic Warfare and Homeland Security Systems for Turkish, Italian and third countries market,

"Havelsan represents a prestigious partner with extensive resources and the business expertise, whose expansion policy is in perfect harmony with Finmeccanica's aim to establish a long and fruitful partnership in Turkey and worldwide market", said Filippo Bagnato, Executive Vice President Technical, Industrial and Commercial of Finmeccanica.

"Havelsan and Finmeccanica represent formidable partners to team with in the Defence Market", said Donato D'Angelantonio, Vice President Business Development of Elettronica S.p.A. "Their combination of capabilities, resources, expertise and existing capabilities will result in developing and producing complete Defence Systems best meeting the requirements of modern Defence platform of Potential Customers in Turkey, Italy and third countries market".

"The reputable stakeholders of this "Agreement", bring together their best solutions for the market to meet new requirements of modern defense" said Faruk Yarman General Manager of Havelsan.

### **About Finmeccanica**

Finmeccanica plays a leading role in the global aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the sector's biggest international programmes through its group companies and well-established alliances with European and USA partners. A leader in the design and manufacture of helicopters, defence and security electronics, civil and military aircraft, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure and defence systems, Finmeccanica is Italy's leading high-tech company. It also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the transport and energy sectors; it is listed on the Milan stock market and operates via a number of group companies and joint ventures. It has over 73,000 employees, with 12,400 working in the USA, 10,200 in the UK and 3,600 in France. For more information, please visit [www.finmeccanica.com](http://www.finmeccanica.com).

### **About Elettronica**

Elettronica, founded in 1951, is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of Electronic Defence equipment. The experience in design and production of Electronic Defence equipment and systems, gained in more than 50 years, enables the Company to guarantee a reliable, effective and consistent response to the ever changing requirements of modern defence. Elettronica is the key word to all solutions, systems and products that comprise Electronic Protection: from the capability to intercept within law enforcement operations and the surveillance of sensitive sites, to the self protection of platforms in hostile areas and close EM spectrum monitoring.

The Company's product line covers all aspects of electronic warfare, for naval, airborne and ground applications, that are in service with the Armed Forces of 28 nations on 5 continents. The Company has a proven record of successful international collaborations with platform manufacturers as well as with other electronic industries on a world-wide basis. For more information, visit [www.elt-roma.com](http://www.elt-roma.com).

### **About Havelsan**

Havelsan, provides innovative mission critical solutions in defence and ICT industries in Turkey and abroad. Core competencies are developed in C4ISR, Naval Combat Systems, Homeland Security, Test, Training and Simulation Technologies, e-Government applications, energy management systems, system-system integration, system-platform integration. In C4ISR technologies, company capabilities encompasses; Command & Control Information Systems, Combat Management Systems, Multisensor Data Fusion, Mission Computer Systems, Mission Planning Systems. In Naval Combat Management Systems capabilities enhanced for surface combatants, submarines and maritime patrol aircraft to create situational awareness, assess and display tactical situation, select, manage, command and control sensors and weapons, and provides crew training using state-of the art technologies. As a leading simulation company capabilities cover design and development of simulators for fixed and rotary wing airplatforms, ground and navy platforms, sensor simulation, tactical environment modelling and simulation, weapon system and ballistics modelling and simulation, OFP Drop-in and mission computer system applications, visual database design and development, distributed training applications for network centric operations, electronic warfare semi-synthetic test & training range. For more information, visit [www.havelsan.com.tr](http://www.havelsan.com.tr).

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