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## **Agreement to sell Ansaldo Trasmissione & Distribuzione to Coinfra SpA**

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Finmeccanica would like to announced that Coinfra SpA, part of the Tili group, has signed a preliminary agreement to buy 85% of Ansaldo Trasmissione & Distribuzione, which is currently owned by the Athena fund (35.5%), Ezine SA (34.5%) and Sogepa (30%). Under the agreement, Sogepa, a Finmeccanica company, will retain a 15% stake for the present.

Coinfra undertakes to maintain Ansaldo's operations in Genoa, and to guarantee current staffing levels for a period of three years. It has presented a growth plan for the business based partly on synergies with other group companies. Thanks to the support of leading banks, it will take over the guarantees currently provided by Sogepa on behalf of Ansaldo T&D.

As part of its plan to develop its engineering and construction operations, the Tili group in recent years acquired Mantelli SpA (1996), Coinfra Spa (1998) and Bonifica SpA (2001) from Fintecna. In 2005 it also bought Renardet Ginevra, Sauti and Renardet Oman from the Franco-Dutch multinational Arcadis.