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Alenia Aeronautica signs EUR 58 million contract for Eurofighter logistic support

The programme – worth a total EUR 343 millions – will also involve Finmeccanica group companies Selex S&AS, Galileo Avionica and Selex Communications

The Eurofighter consortium, established by Alenia Aeronautica, BAE Systems, EADS-Germany and EADS-CASA for the production of the Eurofighter Typhoon, and NETMA, the intergovernmental agency that manages the programme on behalf of the partner countries (Italy, Germany, United Kingdom and Spain), have signed a contract of about EUR 343 millions for the logistic support for the Typhoons in service with the four partner countries' Air Forces. Alenia Aeronautica's share has a value of about EUR 58 millions.

The contract covers the January 2007 – December 2008 period and envisages the supply to the four nations of a full aspect logistic support for all the avionic equipments and part of the mechanical equipment of the *Tranche 1* Eurofighters.

The programme includes also the management of the service in the five bases where currently the aircraft are operational, and of an ADP (Automatic Data Processing) and a logistic systems, which will permit the Air Forces to reach the requested performance parameters.

The signature of this contract represents an important target to assure the operational capability of the new aircraft and it involves, in addition to the four leading national companies, also about 50 first-level companies (among which worth mentioning for the Finmeccanica Group, Galileo Avionica, Selex Communication, Selex Sensors and Airborne Systems Ltd., Elettronica) and around 150 suppliers.

In the short-medium term further contractual extensions are planned; the first will concern the logistic support service to be applied also to the *Tranche 2* aircraft, starting from their delivery at around mid-2008.