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## **Finmeccanica appoints Steve Mogford as CEO of Selex Sensors and Airborne Systems SpA**

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Finmeccanica today announces the appointment of Steve Mogford as Chief Executive Officer of Selex Sensors and Airborne Systems SpA, a core part of the Group's Defence Electronics capability. He will have responsibility for both the UK and Italian operations – Selex SAS UK and Galileo Avionica – and will take up his position in May.

Steve Mogford joins Finmeccanica from BAE Systems where he has been a board member for six years and was Chief Operating Officer – Programmes, with responsibility for the company's major projects including the Eurofighter Typhoon programme. Selex SAS is a key supplier to the Eurofighter programme and through its UK and Italian operations contributes the major share of the defence electronics for the aircraft.

He has extensive experience within the Aerospace & Defence industry including in the areas of procurement and project management. He will replace Giancarlo Grasso currently Chief Technical Officer of Finmeccanica. At Selex SAS, Steve Mogford joins Lord Bach, the former UK Minister for Defence Procurement, who was named as Chairman of the company in October 2006.

Selex SAS is one of Europe's major Defence Electronics businesses and provides world-class capabilities in surveillance, protection, tracking, targeting, navigation and control, and imaging systems. In 2006, Selex SAS recorded revenues of approximately EUR 1.75 billion and has an order backlog of over EUR 4 billion. The company has 7,200 employees, of whom 3,100 are based in Italy and more than 4,100 in the UK.