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The news reported today in French newspaper La Tribune, according to which Finmeccanica plans to propose to Thales that it acquires Finmeccanica's stake in MBDA joint venture in exchange for a shareholding in the French company, is inaccurate and has no basis in reality.

Finmeccanica is Italy's leading high-tech company, operating in the design and manufacture of helicopters, civil and military aircrafts, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure, missiles and defence electronics. It plays a leading role in the European aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the biggest international programmes in the sector through well-established alliances with European and American partners. Finmeccanica also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the transport and energy. The group is listed on the Milan stock exchange, and operates in Italy and abroad through its companies and joint ventures. It employs around 57,000 staff in total.

As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological expertise, Finmeccanica spends 15% of its revenues on research and development.