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Salvatore Bianconi appointed as new CEO of AnsaldoBreda

AnsaldoBreda, a Finmeccanica company, considers the first phase of the programme to reorganise its manufacturing capacity and take greater strategic control over its orders to be almost complete.

At the end of this important process, and in view of the company's renewed commitment to increasing its presence on the market, Roberto Assereto believes that the job assigned to him by Finmeccanica is complete, and has decided to step down as CEO and board member in June.

The Finmeccanica group as a whole would like to extend its thanks and appreciation for the professionalism and experience Mr Assereto contributed during his time at the helm of AnsaldoBreda.

At its meeting today, AnsaldoBreda's board of directors appointed Salvatore Bianconi as the new CEO. Mr Bianconi, currently the company's chief operating officer, has worked for many years at the Finmeccanica group, especially in the field of transport. Mr Bianconi has a strong track record in managing important industrial processes such as complex orders. He has also gained significant commercial experience abroad.