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Finmeccanica Group presents 2008 Sustainability Report

Finmeccanica today presented its second Sustainability Report, an information tool which, using appropriate indicators, can measure the Group's economic, social and environmental performance in 2008. The aim of the report is to give an account of the intangible value of the company, as generated by indicators that are not strictly financial, such as the company's role in society, its ability to attract the best talent, the attention to health and safety, the environment and sustainable development, the commitment to the social and cultural fields, the corporate ethics.

"Given the results that we have registered up to now, we are even more determined to pursue the direction we have taken, also because they clearly demonstrate that the company growth and an attentive response to stakeholder demands are parallel, closely related strategies", said Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and CEO of Finmeccanica. "We do not judge success as an absolute value, but for the way in which it is obtained and for its capacity to be maintained over time. It can only be considered solid and lasting if it is based on the hopes and aspirations of the society we live in, the environment around us and above all the men and women who help create it".

The Finmeccanica group's Sustainability Report describes the initiatives that are already under way or in the pipeline, and is a perfect complement to the traditional financial report in providing important information to its various stakeholders. It is also a valid tool for formulating, checking and evaluating decisions, supporting strategic planning, verifying the achievement of objectives.

This second Sustainability Report develops the reporting process implemented for the first time in 2008, and confirms Finmeccanica's aim to give an account of the initiatives targeting continuous improvement that the company has implemented in order to enhance its capacity to generate value, while considering sustainability objectives and paying the utmost attention to the expectations of its internal and external stakeholders.

Finmeccanica plays a leading role in the global aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the sector's biggest international programmes through its group companies and well-established alliances with European and USA partners. A leader in the design and manufacture of helicopters, defence and security electronics, civil and military aircraft, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure and defence systems, Finmeccanica is Italy's leading high-tech company. It also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the transport and energy sectors; it is listed on the Milan stock market and operates via a number of group companies and joint ventures. It has over 73,000 employees, with more than 12,600 working in the USA, about 10,100 in the UK and over 3,600 in France. As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological excellence, Finmeccanica spends 12% of its revenues on Research and Development.