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Finmeccanica donates EUR 4.2 million to Abruzzo

At the Innovation Award ceremony that took place at the Guardia di Finanza barracks in Coppito, L'Aquila, today, Finmeccanica announced that it had collected EUR 4.2 million in its "Finmeccanica for Abruzzo" initiative, promoted by the Group in conjunction with national trades unions FIM/FIOM and UILM, and with Federmanager and other union organisations.

The initiative was a huge success thanks to contributions from the employees of all Group companies and from senior managers, who donated part of the supplementary pension fund for the period April-December 2009 to the project.

The EUR 4.2 million, of which EUR 2.2 million was collected from the Group and an additional EUR 2 million received as the contribution of Finmeccanica SpA, will be distributed as follows:

EUR 2.2 million will be donated as individual and non-repayable grants to employees resident in L'Aquila and the "seismic crater" region, in proportion to the damage suffered by inhabitants, as classified by the Italian Civil Protection Department. This will involve over 250 people.

EUR 2 million will go to the Joint Research Laboratories project, an initiative in partnership with the University of L'Aquila aimed at helping to revive technology, industry and employment in the area, by keeping young students in L'Aquila and attracting the best brains. The funds will go towards building and equipping scientific laboratories for research and development in the new plants of SELEX Communications and Thales Alenia Space Italia.

"Our presence here in L'Aquila today is intended to be a concrete contribution to the reconstruction", commented Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and CEO of Finmeccanica. "In Abruzzo, Finmeccanica companies employ over 850 people in five production facilities that are known for the state-of-the-art technology used in their products. Two of our companies, SELEX Communications and Thales Alenia Space, were seriously affected by the earthquake, both in terms of their employees and their premises, and thanks to this money we can start to return to normal life."