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Finmeccanica takes part in Singapore Airshow 2010

From 2 to 7 February, Finmeccanica is taking part – through its companies Alenia Aermacchi and SELEX Galileo – in the Singapore Airshow 2010, where it will be presenting technological solutions that act as Force Multipliers for modern armed forces such as that of Singapore. The country's technological sophistication bestows prestige on companies that are successful in establishing themselves on this market, an elite group which includes Finmeccanica.

Finmeccanica is present in Singapore through its representative office, which follows the development of the country's most important defence and security programmes. Finmeccanica Group companies have for a number of years supplied Singapore with training aircraft, radar systems, naval armaments and ground and underwater systems.

Alenia Aermacchi - a world leader in the design, production and support of military pilot training solutions and aircraft with a century-long tradition of innovation – is exhibiting models of its range of training aircraft (SF-260 - MB-339CD) included the new advanced trainer aircraft, the M-346 "Master". In the static area Alenia Aermacchi is displaying the second prototype of the M-346 "Master", in a mimetic livery, which is also will performing in the daily flight displays. The M-346 "Master" have reached Singapore after a ferry flight from Venegono Superiore, Italy.

The M-346 "Master" - the newest generation Advanced / Lead-In Fighter Trainer specifically designed to bridge the technological gap with the new generation fighters - is on the shortlist of the Republic of Singapore Air Force in the Fighter Wings Course (FWC) programme in which Alenia Aermacchi is teamed with ST Aerospace and Boeing.

The integrated training solution that the companies are offering the RSAF takes into account RSAF's 3G needs:

1. It is based on years of first-hand knowledge from ST Aerospace's support of RSAF;
2. The M-346 "Master" is a technologically advanced jet trainer and is a newly developed aircraft that not only meets RSAF's requirements, but will also provide sustained quality training for RSAF into the future;
3. The M-346 "Master" is a state-of-the art training aircraft which also fully meets the Advanced European Joint Pilot Training (AEJPT - Euro Training) preliminary requirements (countries involved: Italy, France, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Finland, Sweden, Austria).

In November 2009 the Italian Air Force signed the contract for the supply of the first batch of 6 M-346 "Master", including simulators and integrated logistic supports, to fulfil the advanced/lead-in fighter training requirements for pilots that will fly its future generation combat aircraft. This contract forms part of a broader agreement to supply a total of 15 M-346 "Master" and related support.

In February 2009 the M-346 "Master" was selected by the United Arab Emirates for their new training air fleet and the negotiations are at the last stage for the acquisition of a complete Integrated Training Solution including 48 M-346 "Master".

One C-27J, produced by Alenia Aeronautica (a Finmeccanica company) is on display in the static area. The C-27J is a twin-engine turboprop tactical transport aircraft with state-of-the-art technology in avionics, propulsion and systems. It provides high cost-effective efficiency, extreme operating

flexibility, best performances in all operational conditions and it is the only aircraft of its category offering interoperability with heavier airlifters. The C-27J is capable of performing many missions such as transport of troops, goods and medicines, MEDEVAC, airdrop operations, paratroopers' launches, search and rescue (SAR), logistical re-supply, humanitarian assistance, fire-fighting and missions in support of homeland security.

SELEX Galileo - a key international player in defence electronics with operations in Italy, the UK and the US – in Singapore is focusing its attention on a number of key capability areas relevant to expected opportunities within South-East Asia.

In the EW rotary wing arena, SELEX Galileo is promoting the combat proven *Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aids Suite (HIDAS)*, delivering world class protection. Developed to meet the requirements of the British Army for its Apache Longbow Helicopters, HIDAS has subsequently been acquired by Kuwait and Greece for their Apache fleets. The Aircraft Gateway Processor (AGP), the Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) controller at the core of HIDAS, has been selected for US and International Apache AH-64D helicopters. HIDAS utilises multi-spectral sensors and pre-loaded intelligence to produce a comprehensive tactical picture of the operating environment. The system offers improved self-protection by rapidly identifying hostile weapon systems and initiating appropriate tactics and countermeasures. Variations of this system have been used to develop self-protection systems for British CH-47D Chinook Helicopters and the recent upgrade programme for 28 of the Royal Air Force's fleet of Puma Mk1 helicopters.

In the maritime awareness domain, potential Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) programmes are of particular interest to SELEX Galileo. The company can offer solutions ranging from its EO turrets, which integrate the leading ERICA Plus camera and radar, up to the complete mission system ATOS (Airborne Tactical and Observation System). The ATOS is a best seller in the surveillance market counting more than 40 systems sold in the last 10 years to eight different customers.

Thanks to its leading position within the Eurofighter Typhoon and Tornado simulation programmes, the company is now looking at expanding its simulation and training business together with its through life capability management offer.

Eurofighter GmbH - a consortium between Alenia Aeronautica (a Finmeccanica Company), BAE Systems, EADS-Spain and EADS-Germany - is also present at the Singapore Airshow. A model of the Eurofighter Typhoon, the world's most advanced swing-role combat aircraft available on the market, is displayed in the Finmeccanica stand area. Finmeccanica companies are contributing to the Eurofighter programme: Alenia Aeronautica is responsible for the aircraft part, SELEX Galileo for the avionics part and SELEX Communications for the aircraft's communication and navigation equipments.