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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **SELEX Galileo Welcomes Milestone Achievements in NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance Programme**

As a member of the NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) programme industrial team, SELEX Galileo of Finmeccanica welcomes the finalisation of the Programme Memorandum of Understanding by the 15 participating nations.

NATO nations have approved the funding guidelines for the acquisition and production phase of the AGS programme and have also selected the Italian base of Sigonella, in Sicily, as the location for their main operating base.

Northrop Grumman Corporation leads a trans-Atlantic industrial team representing each of the 15 participating nations. SELEX Galileo is, together with EADS, one of the two first tier European Companies leading the development and production of such a vital and unique defence capability.

SELEX Galileo, as the nominated Italian Lead Industry, takes part into this trans-Atlantic programme with a leading role in the Mission Operation and Communications segments, the latter being provided by SELEX Communications, also a Finmeccanica Company. SELEX Galileo is also a key component of the AGS overall system integration team, led by Northrop Grumman, and is responsible for establishing direct cooperation activities with Rumanian and Bulgarian industries, two key members of the AGS programme 15 participating nations.

“This awaited event is a key milestone for the programme and for us too. SELEX Galileo will continue to be fully committed in providing its distinguished contribution to NATO AGS and in cooperating alongside Northrop Grumman to develop this vital operational capability, in line with the Company’s leading excellence in the ISR – Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance - domain” said Fabrizio Giulianini, Deputy CEO of SELEX Galileo.

### Notes to the Editors:

The NATO AGS system will provide the Alliance with an airborne ground surveillance core capability designed to meet its Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance requirements for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The system will also support a variety of new mission requirements for NATO including crisis management, homeland security and humanitarian relief. NATO AGS will provide commanders with an accurate ground situation assessment to commanders that will be available to NATO and national decision makers.

SELEX Galileo: A leader in surveillance, protection and situational awareness, SELEX Galileo leverages on international strengths to combine a range of technologies delivering integrated sensor solutions and capability management for defence operations spanning air, land, sea and space. SELEX Galileo operates in the United Kingdom, Italy and United States, employing 7000 people.

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