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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **SELEX Galileo at the Paris International Airshow 2009**

SELEX Galileo, of Finmeccanica, is Europe's leading defence electronics business. The Company maintains an innovative approach both in working with its customers and in delivering the best situational awareness and threat protection systems for defence and homeland security applications. At this year's Paris Air Show at Le Bourget, the Company will have achieved a number of important targets and milestones linked to its market and product's objectives.

In the strategic and competitive US market, SELEX Galileo was recently awarded contracts for its mission critical Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar for surveillance applications with the selection of Seaspray 7500E Surveillance Radar by the US Coast Guard and for the Vixen 500E Radar by the US Customs and Border Protection agency. The US Army's Boeing's block II Longbow Apaches will be equipped with SELEX Galileo's Aircraft Gateway Processor (AGP) which integrates defensive aid sensors. Further to this, in 2008, the Company delivered the 1000th Direct Infra-Red Counter Measure (DIRCM) system to Northrop Grumman, with further deliveries still ongoing.

Contributing to its customers' full air superiority is one of SELEX Galileo's strategic goals. SELEX Galileo actively supports the Eurofighter export strategy, confirming the Company as a partner of choice for long term programmes. The Company ensures continuous support in the deployment of the Eurofighter Typhoon capability, for which the Company develops and delivers mission critical systems and sensors and the Praetorian defensive aids suite. A recent strategic agreement with SAAB to equip its Gripen NG with the Vixen 1000ES Fire Control Radar further confirms SELEX Galileo's excellence in developing state of the art sensor solutions.

To complement its airborne offering the Company delivers a complete simulation capability (for Eurofighter Typhoon, Tornado and Harrier), ranging from full mission simulators to cockpit trainers.

Integrated avionics and airborne surveillance systems are areas of excellence for SELEX Galileo, where the company leverages its unique know how deriving from the market success of the Airborne Tactical Observation and Surveillance (ATOS) System. ATOS, which has been selected for installation on nine fixed and rotary wing platforms, has sold more than 45 systems worldwide in the last 10 years. SELEX Galileo's surveillance capability also includes an unrivalled range of sensors which spans Electro-Optics, to E-Scan and M-Scan radar, Infrared and future Burst Illumination Ladar products. Recent contracts for the ATOS system integrated with the Seaspray AESA Radar for the Italian MoD and Ecuador Navy confirm the excellence of SELEX Galileo's surveillance solution, delivering a state of the art surface and underwater surveillance capability. Leadership in integrated mission systems is reinforced by the selection of its MCS Full Mission Core System and radar on the Alenia Aermacchi M-346 advanced lead-in fighter trainer, recently chosen by both Italian and UAE customers.

In the networked battlespace, SELEX Galileo leads the way in providing real time mission critical exploitation and data fusion to the war fighter built on information coming from its range of situational awareness and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems. The Company's sights and firing systems for armoured vehicles (with recent contracts in the UK for the Mastiff and for the Enforcer), special forces optronic systems (the Soldato del Futuro equipment), unattended acoustic sensors, UAS (ranging from the tactical platform FALCO to mini-micros, to a Common Ground Control Station) and payloads (the state of the art PicoSAR and the new sensor PicoSTAR), enhanced vision systems and next generation thermal imagers have been integrated and operated by the Armed Forces of more than 70 countries worldwide.

**Notes to Editors:** Across air, land, sea and space SELEX Galileo offers both integrated sensor solutions and through-life capability management for defence systems and homeland security applications. SELEX Galileo is part of the Finmeccanica defence electronics sector and employs over

7000 people in the UK, Italy and the United States. SELEX Galileo represents the union of two of Europe's leading defence electronics companies, SELEX Sensors and Airborne Systems Limited in the UK and Galileo Avionica S.p.A. of Italy. The history of the company is one of constant innovation and excellence and, as SELEX Galileo, a commitment to achieving continual success in the 21st century.

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