

## **Leonardo-Finmeccanica welcomes the agreement to supply seven new ships to Qatar**

- **Fincantieri, as prime contractor, will build the seven new ships for the Qatar Emiri Naval Forces. Leonardo will be responsible for the integrated supply of the combat system**
- **Leonardo is confirmed as a key player in the naval sector after the recent contracts with Italy and Bahrain**
- **The company is a historic partner of the country, having already supplied systems for air traffic control, maritime defence systems and civil and military helicopters**

Rome, 16 June 2016 – Within the framework of the agreement between the Italian and Qatari governments for the Qatar Navy modernisation plan, Leonardo-Finmeccanica will supply Fincantieri with the latest generation of naval systems and sensors for the 7 new ships to be supplied to the Qatar Emiri Naval Forces. The 7 units - including 4 corvettes, 1 Landing Platform Deck and 2 Off-shore Patrol Vessel - are to be deployed for maritime surveillance and patrolling duties in territorial waters and in the exclusive economic zone.

Mauro Moretti, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Leonardo-Finmeccanica, said: “The degree of excellence reached by our offering has achieved another, significant success for which the value is twofold. On one hand, it has been chosen in a geographical area of exceptional strategic value, in terms of business opportunities and fostering partnerships – on the other, it strengthens our position on international markets, highlighting how customers understand the value of our technological offering in the naval sector. The agreement is a sign of the great effort of institutions, and in particular of the Minister of Defence Roberta Pinotti, and strengthens our cooperation with Fincantieri, as a testament to the ability of Italian industry.”

Leonardo will be responsible for the integrated supply of the new naval units’ combat system, main radars and on-board sensors and defence sub-systems, including 76/62 medium calibre and 30mm small calibre weapon systems, the anti-torpedo protection system, the Thesan mine avoidance sonar and, in cooperation with MBDA, the missile system. The supply also includes long-term, integrated logistics support activities.

The company has been cooperating with Qatar for over 20 years, supplying the air traffic control and management system of the new Doha international airport, helicopters both for civil and military applications, defence systems for the safety of territorial waters. Furthermore, the contract signed in 2015 for the supply of the radar system for air surveillance and defence to Qatar’s Armed Forces has recently come into effect.

### **Note**

Following the process of the reorganisation of the **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** Group’s companies, it should be noted that from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016: the “Helicopters” division has absorbed the activities of AgustaWestland; the “Aircraft” division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the “Aero-structures” division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the “Airborne & Space Systems” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Land & Naval Defence Electronics” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Security & Information Systems” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Defence Systems” division has absorbed the activities of OTO Melara and WASS.

**Leonardo-Finmeccanica** is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy’s main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Leonardo-Finmeccanica operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), at 31 December 2015 Finmeccanica recorded consolidated revenues of 13 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.