

Leonardo to supply range of electronics for Spanish Air Force PC-21 trainers

- **The company will provide airborne communications systems, cockpit control panels and associated electronics to Pilatus Aircraft Ltd**
- **The multiband RT-700/A communications system is military ETSO (European Technical Standard Order)-certified and provides secure voice and data communications**
- **Leonardo has also supplied electronics equipment for PC-21 aircraft operated by Switzerland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Australia**

Rome, 9 April 2020 – Leonardo has been awarded a contract by Pilatus Aircraft Ltd to provide airborne communications systems, cockpit control panels and associated electronics for installation on-board PC-21 single-engine turboprop trainers being supplied to the Spanish Air Force (Ejército del Aire). The aircraft were ordered by the Spanish Ministry of Defense through its Armament and Material Directorate (DGAM) to replace the Spanish Air Force's Casa C-101 jet trainers, which have been in-use since 1980.

Leonardo's multiband V/UHF RT-700/A communications system is a compact and lightweight military ETSO (European Technical Standard Order)-certified product. It provides voice and data communications in the 30-470MHz range and can transmit and receive securely when connected to an external encryption unit. Notably, the product provides ETSO-certified communications in the VHF ATC band (25/8,33kHz).

The contract further strengthens Leonardo's long-established partnership with Pilatus Aircraft. The Swiss aerospace manufacturer previously selected Leonardo avionics and lights/panels for PC-21 aircraft ordered by customers in Switzerland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Australia. The Spanish Air Force is the third European air force to choose the PC-21 Next Generation Trainer.

Leonardo is an expert in airborne electronics and communications and deeply understands the needs of both OEMs and end-users, as an aircraft designer and manufacturer itself and having worked closely with a wide range of other leading international aircraft providers for more than 50 years.

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top ten world players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries such as Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2018 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €12.2 billion and invested €1.4 billion in Research and Development. The Group has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) since 2010 and became Industry leader of Aerospace & Defence sector of DJSI in 2019.