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PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Galileo acquires new contracts worth around 16 million Euros

SELEX Galileo of Finmeccanica has been awarded new contracts worth approximately 16 million Euros for its Mini Colibrì and Lothar systems, strengthening the Company's Electro-Optical business.

The new contracts include the supply of 81 Mini Colibrì day and night vision systems for installation on the new turrets of the Esercito Italiano (Italian Army) Lince vehicle and the supply of 71 Lothar systems for the 2nd Batch of the Italian Army's VBM Freccia vehicle. Both contracts were assigned by Oto Melara.

The Mini Colibrì multi sensor system is equipped with a thermal camera (IR uncooled), TV camera (TVC) and laser range finder. It is the newest Fire Control System for turrets that integrate small to medium calibre weaponry.

LOTHAR (Land Optronic THERmal Aiming Resource) is a multi sensor system specifically designed for Fire Control Systems equipped with the "Tilde" thermal camera (IR cooled). It can be integrated into turrets from smaller to higher calibres. The thermal camera "Tilde" has achieved much commercial success especially on the export markets and is currently in service on a number of platforms in Italy and in foreign countries where it has demonstrated great performance in all environmental and weather conditions.

Notes to the Editors:

LMV (Light Multirole Vehicle): Designed to incorporate high tactical mobility with high maximum road speed and optimal off-road and cross-country performance, the LMV has high protection levels against anti tank and anti personnel mines. Since the beginning of operations in Afghanistan, the LMV has proven to be a life saver in numerous occasions. The LMV was selected for front line duties by the Italian, the British, the Spanish, the Norwegian, the Belgian, the Croatian, the Czech, the Austrian and Slovak forces.

VBM (Veicolo Blindato Medio): The VBM Freccia medium armored vehicle) IFV is a new family of medium armoured vehicles in various versions (Personnel Carrier, Combat / transport of mechanised infantry, Command Post, Recovery, Mortar Carrier, Ambulance). It was developed as a private venture, but was aimed at the Italian Army requirement for a wheeled IFV. The Italian Army ordered a number of the Freccia IFVs in 2006 and another contract of 109 vehicles is under signature. Italian Army has requirement for more than 500 vehicles of this type to equip two medium brigades.

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