

PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Sistemi Integrati and CIRA signed a collaboration agreement

Rome, 10 November 2009 - SELEX Sistemi Integrati, Finmeccanica Company, and CIRA - Centro Italiano Ricerche Aerospaziali (Italian Aerospace Research Centre)– has signed a collaboration agreement to individuate all the possible synergies of national and international programmes regarding the development of the future system of air traffic management.

The agreement has been signed by Marina Grossi, Chief Executive Officer of SELEX Sistemi Integrati, and Enrico Saggese, Chairman of CIRA.

In particular, the contract foresees the study of systems related to the ground segment and to the ground-air and air-air communication, satellite navigation systems, integrated systems of weather data management, monitoring and reduction of airport area environmental impact systems. The agreement includes the future development of a virtual tower that could allow the air traffic management from a distant site.

Within the agreement, SELEX Sistemi Integrati will be responsible of industrial aspects, including the development of innovative products into a short-medium term, while CIRA will be responsible of the aspects related to the enabling technology development into a medium-long term.

Within the updating proposal of PRORA - Programma Nazionale di Ricerche Aerospaziali (National Aerospace Research Programme under the responsibility of CIRA), collaborations are focused on the realizations of the experimental facility at national level "ATM Airport Laboratory" at "Oreste Salomone" Airport of Capua (Naples); the European programme SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research), referring to both short-medium term activities and long term research activities; research and development projects supported by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union.



SELEX Sistemi Integrati, a Finmeccanica Company, designs and develops Large Systems for Homeland Protection, systems and radars for air defence, battlefield management, naval warfare, coastal and maritime surveillance, air traffic control.

With its fifty-year track record in system integration and a customer base in no less than 150 countries, SELEX Sistemi Integrati can rely on a huge capability in systems integration, simulation, engineering, software design, and production of advanced technology systems and components, a real genetic code of the Company open to a great vanguard products and solutions commercial offer, equipped with a modern logistic support.

The company occupies about 4,200 employees with main plants in Italy, UK, Germany, US. SELEX Sistemi Integrati is a leader in Research and Development, thanks to annual investments amounting to more than 20% of the revenue.

CIRA (Italian Aerospace Research Centre) is a not-for-profit research consortium, incorporated in 1984 in Capua, 50 km from Naples.

CIRA was charged by the Italian Government to define and pursue the National Aerospace Research Program (PRO.R.A.).

The development of competencies in various advanced sectors, such as Aerodynamics, Icing, Aeroacoustics, Advanced Structures and Materials, Flight Systems, Space Propulsion, Aerothermodynamics, Adaptronics, Information Technology, has occurred alongside the planning and building of testing facilities that are unique in the world today.

These include the Plasma Wind Tunnel (PWT), which simulates the phase of re-entry into the atmosphere, the Crash Laboratory (LISA), where high energy impact tests of full-scale models are carried out, and the Icing Wind Tunnel (IWT), where phenomena linked to the ice accretion on aircraft are studied.

Two Flying Test Beds allow CIRA to test under real conditions the most advanced aerospace technologies: the UAV and the USV programs are aimed at developing the next generation of civil and space transport systems.

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