

**Finmeccanica North America announces that retired Admiral Gregory G. Johnson has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alenia North America**

**Washington, DC - June 16, 2010** - Today Finmeccanica North America announces that Alenia North America, a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica (A Finmeccanica Company) appointed retired Navy Admiral Gregory G. Johnson as Chairman of its Board of Directors. Admiral Johnson has served on Alenia North America's Board of Directors since 2005.

"Admiral Johnson has been an invaluable member of Alenia North America's board of directors since 2005," said Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Finmeccanica. "I am quite confident that Admiral Johnson's experience in both the private and public sectors will continue to facilitate the growth of our business interests in the United States."

Admiral Johnson retired from the U.S. Navy in 2004 after 36 years of service. Prior to his retirement, Admiral Johnson served as the Commander in Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa. Admiral Johnson previously served as Commander, SIXTH Fleet; Commander Carrier Group EIGHT/USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group; Commander Carrier Air Wing THREE; and Attack Squadron ONE ZERO FIVE. Admiral Johnson was also assigned to several senior policy and operations positions in Washington, DC, most notably serving in the Operations Directorate (J-3) of the Joint Staff; as the executive assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and military assistant, first to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and subsequently the Secretary of Defense. Admiral Johnson was commissioned in 1969 and designated a Naval Aviator in 1970.