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Telespazio SpA obtains Uni EN 9100 certification

- **The accreditation certifies the excellence of the quality management systems used in aerospace and defence companies**

For the first time, Telespazio SpA, a joint venture between Leonardo (67%) and Thales (33%), has attained UNI EN 9100 certification for its Quality management system, through leading certification company RINA. The accreditation certifies the excellence of industries operating in the aeronautical, space and defence sectors.

The certification was awarded today in a ceremony held at the company headquarters, attended by Paolo Moretti, CEO of RINA Services, and Luigi Pasquali, CEO of Telespazio.

Telespazio has achieved this goal after about a year of preparation, during which the company continuously updated and evaluated the Telespazio Quality Management System (TQMS), optimising its processes and best practices in the production, management and industrial areas. The company's resources, organisation, processes, infrastructures and premises were all involved in this challenge, brilliantly won within the set timeline.

In this way, Telespazio completes a pathway it embarked on back in 1997 with the first ISO 9001 certification. Through this, over the years, the company has constantly applied processes and organisations distinguished by high levels of quality, both internally and towards the market, its customers, suppliers, and partners. And these efforts have paid off, resulting in its achievement of important goals in the sector of space systems and services.

"We are proud to have obtained the important UNI EN 9100 certification which will bring significant benefits for the operations and management of the company. It also confirms our awareness here at Telespazio that the challenges on the markets are also won by providing and affirming the highest levels of quality when it comes to the capabilities we offer and make available to our customers, institutions and partnerships. This certification reinforces Telespazio's position as member of a space industry of excellence and establishes the conditions for achieving a further competitive edge", stated **Luigi Pasquali**, CEO of Telespazio.

"The attainment of this certification is the result of a constant, conscientious, long-lasting commitment on the part of Telespazio to continue affirming its name as one of the Italian Space and Defence industry's top players. Here at RINA, we are particularly pleased with the collaboration forged between our companies, both Italian and with a strong focus on the evolution of the international markets" added **Paolo Moretti**, CEO of RINA Services.

By acquiring UNI EN 9100 certification, Telespazio has become a member of the International Aerospace Quality group (IAQG), the most important international Quality association for the industry. Established in 1998, the IAQG is a no-profit group whose members include some of the most important international companies in the Aerospace and Defence sector with UNI EN 9100 certification. They share the objective of ensuring a supply chain that guarantees the application of the same reference standards and levels of excellence worldwide in relation to quality-based aspects.