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Telespazio becomes "Plastic Free". Disposable plastic banned on all Italian premises from today

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Ahead of the coming into force of the European Directive that will ban the use of disposable plastic from 2021, from today in Italy all the Telespazio, a Leonardo company, premises and space centres will become "Plastic Free".

Telespazio's "Plastic Free" project is the first of a series of actions Leonardo intends to launch to reduce plastic consumption on all the Group's premises.

This initiative, which will involve all premises run by Telespazio and its subsidiary e-GEOS, will make it possible to do bring a halt to consumption of up to 89,100 kg of plastic per year. In fact, in 2018 alone, the Telespazio Group consumed 514,000 half litre water bottles, and 360,000 plastic cups.

In order to gain this important milestone, which is essential for fighting pollution of the environment, from now on Telespazio will no longer have any plastic bottles, cups and plates from canteens, bars, and automatic distribution machines, and will use eco-friendly, biodegradable materials in their place. The Company will also guarantee the quality of the drinking water distributed on its premises. In order to help its thousand Italian employees to avoid plastic bottles, Telespazio has created a stainless steel bottle, with "Plastic Free" branding, suitable for alimentary use, which is a sustainable, ecological, and recyclable container.

For more than 10 years now, Telespazio has been running campaigns to safeguard our planet. Since 2007 its "Love Planet Earth" project has sensitised public opinion internationally in relation to environmental issues and the effects of climate change, by organising exhibitions and events, and by publishing a calendar. By means of the images from the ASI's COSMO-SkyMed Italian satellites, Telespazio and e-GEOS offer essential services for monitoring our planet and for safeguarding the environment we live in.

For some time now, Leonardo has been on a sustainability course that brings environmental issues into its business strategies. By monitoring its production sites and developing innovative products and solutions, the Company uses cutting-edge technology to contribute to studying, preventing, and mitigating the effects of climate changes, as part of cooperation projects at a nationwide and international level.

Telespazio, a Leonardo and Thales 67/33 joint venture, is one of the world's leading operators in satellite services. Its activities range from the design and development of space systems to the management of launch services, from in-orbit satellite control to Earth observation, from integrated communications, satellite navigation and localisation services to scientific programmes. Telespazio plays a leading role in the reference markets harnessing technological experience acquired over the years. Since its establishment, the company has participated in major European space programmes such as Galileo, EGNOS, Copernicus and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2018, Telespazio generated sales of EUR 493 million while employing approximately 2,500 people worldwide.