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## **MBDA Italia awarded by Qatar Emiri Naval Force for the supply of operational capabilities for their new naval units**

MBDA Italia has been awarded by the Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF) to supply operational capabilities for their new naval units: 4 multi-role corvettes, 1 Landing Platform Dock (LPD) and 2 patrol vessels. The programme will be comprehensive and will include training, test stations and maintenance facilities as well as integrated logistical support. The award to MBDA Italia is within the framework of a Government to Government agreement signed today in Rome by the Minister of Defence for Italy, Roberta Pinotti and the Minister of Defence for Qatar, Khalid Bin Muhammad Al-Attiyah.

Antonio Perfetti, Managing Director MBDA Italia and Executive Group Director Sales & Business Development MBDA, commented: "This award will give the opportunity to further increase the Company's order book and will open up new opportunities in Qatar, that once again confirms the trust placed in MBDA Italia for its defence requirements. This important achievement has been possible thanks to the close cooperation between MBDA Italia, Fincantieri and Leonardo – Finmeccanica, demonstrating the value of Italian industrial synergies."

### **Notes to editors**

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2013 MBDA achieved a turnover of 2.8 billion euros with an order book of 10.8 billion euros. With more than 90 armed forces customers in the world, MBDA is a world leader in missiles and missile systems.

MBDA is the only group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development.

MBDA is jointly held by :

Airbus Group (37.5%), BAE Systems (37.5%) and Leonardo - Finmeccanica (25%).

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