

1st September 2011**Pasquale Di Bartolomeo appointed MBDA Executive Group Director Strategy**

On 1st September 2011, Pasquale Di Bartolomeo will become Executive Group Director Strategy of MBDA, at the same time becoming a member of MBDA's Executive Committee reporting directly to Antoine Bouvier, the group's Chief Executive Officer. He takes over from Giuseppe Snider who is retiring at the end of 2011.

As Executive Group Director Strategy, Pasquale Di Bartolomeo will lead a multi-national integrated team whose responsibilities will cover strategic planning, strategic cooperation, M&A activity and the group's product strategy.

To ensure continuity in a number of key activities, Giuseppe Snider will provide MBDA with the benefit of his extensive experience and knowledge, acting as Special Adviser to Antoine Bouvier until the end of 2011.

Pasquale Di Bartolomeo joins MBDA from Finmeccanica Corporate, where he held several key positions prior to becoming responsible for Group Strategic Planning in 2005. During the last ten years, he dealt with a number of key M&As, strategic industrial cooperation and capital market projects. Prior to joining Finmeccanica Corporate, he spent several years in the USA working in a newly formed multinational company listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange with responsibility for strategy and marketing activities.

Antoine Bouvier, CEO of MBDA, said: "I am delighted to welcome Pasquale Di Bartolomeo to the MBDA group Executive Committee and I am confident Pasquale will deliver a decisive contribution to the company's future success. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking Giuseppe for having played a key role in the development of MBDA as a market leader in the missiles sector".

Notes to editors

With industrial facilities in four European countries and within the USA, in 2010 MBDA achieved a turnover of € 2.8 billion with an order book of € 10.8 billion. 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 BAE SYSTEMS (37,5%), EADS (37,5%) and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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