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## Launch of the share buyback programme aimed at servicing the management incentive plans approved by the Company

Ansaldo STS - a Finmeccanica company - has launched the share buyback programme implementing the resolution approved by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on April, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015, which granted a new authorization to purchase own shares, aimed at servicing, *inter alia*, the share incentive plans approved by the Company. This resolution authorizes Ansaldo STS to purchase own shares up to the maximum amount allowed by law, taking into account the own shares already held by the Company and its subsidiaries.

In light of the limits set out in the above-mentioned shareholders' resolution of April, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 approving the buyback, the programme shall be carried out in accordance with the following terms:

- the maximum number of shares to be purchased is equal to the maximum number allowed by law, taking into account the maximum number of shares that may be granted to the recipients of the share incentive plans approved by the Company, as described in the relevant Information Documents available on the Company's website; the share purchases will be carried out under the price conditions set out in article 5, paragraph 1, of European Commission Regulation (EC) no. 2273/2003 of 22 December 2003. Specifically, this article provides that the issuer must not buy the shares for a price that is higher than the higher price between the price of the last independent trade and the price of the highest current independent bid on the Italian stock exchange managed by Borsa Italiana SpA. All purchases must also be carried out in accordance with the conditions and the limits set by Consob in relation to accepted market practices, where applicable;
- the share purchases will be made in accordance with the procedures set out in article 144-*bis*, paragraph 1, point b) of the Issuers' Regulation;
- the number of shares purchased on any one day will be no higher than 25% of the average daily volume of Ansaldo STS shares traded on the Italian stock exchange;

Ansaldo STS, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, is an international technology company specializing in the design, implementation and management of transport systems and signalling equipment for railways and underground railways, both for freight and passengers. The Group acts as a Main Contractor and supplier of "turnkey" systems worldwide. Ansaldo STS is headquartered in Genoa and employs about 4,000 people (*restated*) in more than 30 countries. In 2013, it reported revenues (*restated*) of EUR 1.230 million with an operating income restated (EBIT) of EUR 117 million and a consolidated net profit of EUR 75 million.



• the buyback must be carried out by July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2016; this term is in line with the final deadline set by the Shareholders' Meeting above, equal to 18 months from the resolution of April, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

The company will timely notify the public of any subsequent amendments to the buyback programme.

Under the programme, Ansaldo STS will inform Consob and the market of any share purchase transactions that have been carried out, on a weekly basis, providing details of the number of shares purchased, and the date, time and price of every purchase.

As of today, the Company Ansaldo STS holds 1,405 own shares.

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