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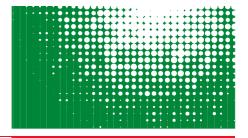
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**PRESS RELEASE** 

## Leonardo signs to secure Italy's Serie B football league's stadiums

- Leonardo CEO Mauro Moretti and Lega Serie B President Andrea Abodi sign an agreement for Leonardo to provide security technology expertise and services for new 'smart' stadiums
- Leonardo has significant experience in managing security for major events including for the Olympic games and Milan Expo 2015
- Security is the third stage of Lega Serie B's plan for new sports facilities, following environmental sustainability and a real estate fund as financial tool

Rome, 20 December 2016 - Leonardo-Finmeccanica has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with B Futura – the subsidiary of Italy's national professional football league association "Lega Nazionale Professionisti B" dedicated to sports facilities development – to provide its expertise in sports security systems for three years. Leonardo will advise on how best to incorporate the latest technology into club facilities as new training camps and stadiums are built and existing ones renovated.

The MoU will see Leonardo provide technology implementation guidelines for any new construction or renovation project started by one of the 22 clubs competing in Serie B Conte.it. By doing so, clubs will be able to benefit from the company's expertise in safety, communications, mobility and sustainability technologies and ensure that new facilities are secure and fit for the future.

The agreement, in keeping with Leonardo's track record of successfully securing major sporting events, sees the company becoming established as the security partner of choice for football clubs looking to modernise their facilities. Leonardo will be able to meet growing demand among fans for more secure, more steamlined stadiums and is able to adapt its solutions for both new and existing facilities.

To date, five clubs (Cagliari, Crotone and Pescara – competing in Serie A, the major Italian league –, Avellino and Vicenza – which play in Serie B) are already working with B Futura to develop modern new stadium facilities, match-fit for the needs of fans and meeting the latest security standards. The first project to open will be Cagliari Calcio's new stadium, which got the green light from the city council on November 10th and will open in time for the 2019/20 season.

Leonardo has significant experience in management and security systems for complex infrastructures involved in major events. Notable examples include the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games and the World Cycling Championships in Florence in 2013, for which Leonardo supplied secure communications TETRA (TErrestrial Trunked RAdio) networks, the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, which saw Leonardo provide a wide range of physical perimeter security measures for over 20 Games venues, and the Turin 2006 Winter

Olympics, secured by the company's video-surveillance and TETRA communications systems. Leonardo recently provided technology services for a new stadium in the Middle East and also supplied the City and Police of Rome with communications systems for the security of this year's Jubilee of Mercy. Leonardo was the Official Global Partner of Milan Expo 2015 for the Safe City platform & Main Operation Centre.

## About Leonardo and B Futura

**Leonardo-Finmeccanica** is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Leonardo-Finmeccanica operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), at 31 December 2015 Finmeccanica recorded consolidated revenues of 13 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.

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**B Futura** is a subsidiary of Italy's national professional football league association Lega Serie B which provides clubs with the necessary tools to construct and modernise stadiums and training facilities. The B Futura platform is available to those companies affilliated with Lega B and also to external sporting organisations who wish to make use of its services and expertise.

Live streaming of the Press Event on Periscope @Leonardo\_IT

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