



NEW CONTRACT WITH MBDA FOR THE SUPPLY OF ASTER BOOSTERS

Rome, 26 May 2020 - Avio announces it has signed a contract with MBDA France S.A.S. to start the production activities for a first stock of boosters for the anti-air and anti-missile ASTER-30 defence system. The contract includes also the start of the preparatory activities instrumental for the future production of additional boosters, for a total contract value of more than 50 Euro million.

The contract for the first supply of boosters covers a production period of around 3 years with deliveries starting in 2022.

"While waiting the Vega return-to-flight with the VV16 mission equipped with SSMS, scheduled by mid-June, we continue to work on the tactical propulsion business, thanks to which during the years we were able to develop the technologies that allowed us to get to space" – commented Giulio Ranzo, CEO of Avio.

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Avio is a leading international group engaged in the construction and development of space launchers and solid and liquid propulsion systems for space travel. The experience and knowhow built up over more than 50 years puts Avio at the cutting edge of the space launcher sector, solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion and tactical propulsion. Avio operates in Italy, France and France Guyana with 5 facilities, employing approx. 1,000 highly-qualified personnel, of which approx. 30% involved in research and development. Avio is a prime contractor for the Vega programme and a sub-contractor for the Ariane programme, both financed by the European Space Agency ("ESA"), placing Italy among the limited number of countries capable of producing a complete spacecraft.