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ALENIA AERMACCHI AT THE 2009 PARIS AIR SHOW

Alenia Aermacchi will be at the Le Bourget air show from 15 to 21 June in the Finmeccanica stand.

(Chalet Row A - # A373 and Stand B165 - Hall 2)

Le Bourget is the largest international showcase for the aviation industry. This year Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica company, will participate with its leading product, the M-346 "Master", which in 2009 has already achieved important commercial successes. So far the M-346 "Master" has been selected for contracts totalling over 60 aircraft, with other significant commercial opportunities being actively pursued by participating in major international competitions.

This year will see the M-346 **Ground Based Training System Demonstrator (GBTSD) displayed for the first time** in the **Training area** of the Finmeccanica stand, allowing visitors to operate the aircraft systems. Developed jointly with CAE of Canada, the GBTSD software is derived from that aboard the M-346 and – together with a faithful replica of the cockpit and the possibility of using a virtual tactical environment – allows users to experience the operational missions of modern combat aircraft.

Alenia Aermacchi also displays, again in the Finmeccanica stand, **scale models** of its range of trainers that meet the requirements for all phases of training. This starts with screening/primary on the SF-260 and progresses to the basic phase with the M-311, to the advanced/lead-in fighter phase with the MB-339CD and culminates with the latest Aermacchi design, the M-346 "Master" new generation advanced trainer.

In the Finmeccanica **static area**, Guests and Delegations will be able to examine at close quarters the M-346 "Master". **Flight displays** will highlight its high performance: the red-painted pre-series M-346, flown by Cdr. Quirino Bucci, Alenia Aermacchi Chief Test Pilot, will be a regular performer throughout the entire air show.

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