

Telespazio (Finmeccanica/Alcatel) to take part in Transpotec Logitec 2006 (Milan, 27-30 April 2006)

Milan, 24 april 2006 - Telespazio, a Finmeccanica/Alcatel company, is to take part in the tenth edition of Transpotec Logitec, the international exhibition of road transport, intermodal services and logistics technology, which will be held at the new site of Milan's trade fair centre from 27 to 30 April.

Telespazio (stand 24/G20) will present its mobile information services, and the positioning and messaging system EutelTRACS. The company will also illustrate its role in the Galileo European satellite navigation programme.

Telespazio has been a partner and service provider of Qualcomm for **EutelTRACS** products and services in Italy since 1992. This long partnership has allowed Telespazio to gain a stable foothold in the road transport market, and to acquire major long-distance international haulage companies as clients. EutelTRACS allows the transport company's operations centre to exchange messages with all its vehicles, and to pinpoint their exact location via GPS and QASPR, an automatic positioning system. EutelTRACS offers real-time data communication, the exchange of service messages and the automatic positioning of vehicles. Today, around 1,000 vehicles are equipped with these terminals.

The European satellite navigation system **Galileo** will become operational from 2010, and will provide the basis for a range of applications and services dedicated to a variety of sectors, including road, air, rail and sea transport, telecommunications, Earth mapping and cartography, gas/oil exploration and mining. Furthermore, particular focus will be on security and defence applications, civil protection and rescue services for people and vehicles.

Telespazio plays an active role in the development of the Galileo programme, which will see the launch of a constellation of 30 satellites. One of its two Constellation Mission Control Stations will be installed at Telespazio's Fucino Space Centre, the largest example of civil telecommunications infrastructure in the world. A team is already working at the site, where Telespazio plans to create a centre of expertise to develop know-how and applications related to navigation. In addition, Telespazio has prime responsibility for one of the two Performance Assessment Centres for the Galileo signal and system, which will be built in Rome. Lastly, Telespazio is playing a leading role in the creation of the **Galileo Test Range (GTR)**, the technological infrastructure for the validation of the Galileo signal and the development of navigation and positioning applications.