



AVIO SIGNS THE ESA ZERO DEBRIS CHARTER

Colleferro (Rome), 23 December 2024 – On December 18th in Paris Avio has signed the ESA Zero Debris Charter, the Agency's ambitious revision of its internal space debris mitigation requirements that builds on more than a decade of ESA-wide collaborative work and will drive the development of technologies required to become debris-neutral by 2030.

Marino Fragnito, Avio Chief Commercial Officer commented: *"Avio is fully committed to a zero debris space environment. The Vega family rockets have been designed to systematically de-orbit all launcher components after launch, including the AVUM upper stage which systematically performs a re-entry burn to leave the orbit clean after satellite deployment. We are one of the very few launcher manufacturers and launch providers in the world to implement such re-entry strategy for all missions. We are very happy to have signed the Zero Debris Charter with ESA which testimony the high importance we attach to a clean space environment, which is the basis for a sustainable exploitation of outer space for the benefit of all mankind."*

Avio is a leading international group engaged in the construction and development of space launchers and solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion systems. The experience and knowhow built up over more than 50 years puts Avio at the cutting edge of the space launcher sector and defence program. Avio is present in Italy, France, United States and France Guyana with 5 facilities, employing approx. 1,300 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.

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