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THALES ESPAÑA AND AMPER COMPLETE THE PROCESS FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF AMPER PROGRAMAS

*** The transaction enables the safeguarding of the future of the company and the consolidation of the globalisation of technological solutions in the Spanish defence sector.

Madrid, 14th October 2014. The Council of Ministers confirmed on Friday October 3rd the authorization for Thales España –which is necessary for being a defence sector company– to acquire the remaining 51% shareholding of Amper Programas Electrónica y Comunicaciones S.A, which were held by the Amper Group. This acquisition has been finalized today.

The CNMV (Spanish Share Market Commission) was informed of the transaction on 31 July, when the shareholding purchase agreement was recorded in a public document. With this transaction, Thales España, which has owned the other 49% for the past 20 years, strengthens the company's position in the Spanish defence field.

The agreement allows for the creation of a leading Spanish company in Command and Control Systems and CIS Tactical Communications (Communications and Information System) for defence with great potential for exportation thanks to Thales' powerful international trade network. With this incorporation, Spain will be in an excellent position in the Command and Control and Military Communications and Avionics systems market, key to the armed forces.



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Thales's intention is to increase defence activity in Spain through responsible levels of commitment, and by undertaking aeronautic and radio-communications activities that will enable the exportation of advanced Spanish solutions, the production of which will be carried out with Amper Programas.

The acquisition will also enable the creation, in Spain, of a centre of expertise for the research and development of CIS (Communications and Information System) solutions and avionics.

In short, the acquisition of Amper Programas will enable Spain to strengthen its portfolio of technical solutions for Command and Control projects and to maintain its ability to provide, from Spain, advanced solutions in areas of strategic interest such as the Middle East, North Africa or Latin America.

Furthermore, the operation carried out by Amper, the entire sum of which will go to pay off its bank debts, is framed within the Group's 2013-16 Strategic Plan and, specifically, its Plan for the Optimisation of its capital assets structure.

With this divestment, the Amper Group reaffirms its commitment to rationalising its lines of activity and safeguards the core business in the areas of communications and security.

About Amper Group

Amper is a Spanish multinational group whose mission is to facilitate the transformation of the market toward new business models, integrating sector solutions and communications technology. With a clear international vocation and strongly committed to innovative engineering and excellence, Amper operates in Europe, Africa, Asia and America in Communications and Security business activities. With headquarters in Madrid, Sao Paulo and Miami and a local presence in 38 offices in 19 countries, it has traded on the Barcelona and Madrid stock market (AMP) since 1986. Amper's Communications and Security Division carries out engineering projects, integration and maintenance of communications networks, unified communications and collaboration, data processing centers, m2m mobility, smart homes, next-generation networks, managed services, border protection systems, emergency management systems and critical infrastructure protection on a global scale and maintains active participation in European R&D programs.



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About Thales

Thales is a global technology leader in the Aerospace, Transportation and Defence & Security markets. In 2013, the company generated revenues of €14.2 billion with 65,000 employees in 56 countries. With its 25,000 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers and local partners.

Thales Spain employs 1,300 staff based at 10 locations. In 2013 Thales Spain's revenues were around €300 million.

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