

## **Appointment of Massimo Claudio Comparini as Deputy CEO, Senior Executive Vice President Observation, Exploration and Navigation at Thales Alenia Space and CEO of Thales Alenia Space Italia**

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**Rome, April 1, 2020** – Thales Alenia Space, a joint venture between Thales (67%) and Leonardo (33%), today announced the appointment of Massimo Claudio Comparini as Deputy CEO and Senior Executive Vice President Observation, Exploration and Navigation Business Line at Thales Alenia Space as well as CEO of Thales Alenia Space Italia, with immediate effect. Mr Comparini succeeds Donato Amoroso.

"Italy is a world-leader in the Space sector to which Leonardo contributes significantly through the delivery of high-tech products and services through the two Joint Ventures Telespazio and Thales Alenia Space. The sector is now calling for increased synergies between manufacturing activities and the so-called "downstream" in terms of policies, strategies and planning. The outcomes of the last European Ministerial Conference on space have recorded the significant commitment of Italian institutions to space activities through a significant financial investments. I believe that by appointing Massimo Comparini as new CEO of Thales Alenia Space Italia, we will be boost our contribution to the sector and seize the new challenges coming from the evolution of the Italian and European Space sector while maximizing skills, investments and generating more benefits for institutions, companies and citizens" said Alessandro Profumo, CEO of Leonardo. "I wish Massimo Comparini every success in his new role, and extend my sincerest appreciation to Donato Amoroso for his hard work and commitment during his mandate, which saw him focused on strengthening and protecting the Company's technological and industrial expertise" concluded Alessandro Profumo.