

First Italian JFS STOVL Assembled at Cameri, Italy

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The Roll-Out Ceremony for the first Short Take Off-Vertical Landing Joint Strike Fighter, F-35B Lightning II assembled entirely at Cameri Final Assembly & Check-Out or FACO took place on May 5, 2017, at the Italian industrial plant located in Novara province.

The ceremony - held to give the deserved recognition to the plant workers and to all those who have worked for, and contributed to this important phase of the acquisition programme of fifth generation

aircraft- was attended by the Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Claudio Graziano, Defence Secretary General and National Director of Armaments, Gen. Carlo Magrassi, Navy Chief, Adm. Valter Girardelli, Air Force Chief, Gen. Enzo Vecciarelli, Air Force Director of Armaments, Gen. Francesco Langella, Leonardo (FINMECCANICA) Strategy and Aeronautics Departments' Managers, Giovanni Soccodato and Filippo Bagnato, Joint Program Office Deputy Program Executive Officer, RADM Mathias W Winter and Lockheed Martin Vice President JSF Customer Programs, Mr. Douglas Wilhelm.

After the speeches of the authorities and industry representatives, the JSF was towed from the assembly line to the facility apron, where it was exhibited. The aircraft will now undergo the subsequent manufacturing phases, i.e. check-outs and technical tests, painting and trial flights. Delivery to the Italian Defence is scheduled to take place next November.