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**PRESS NOTE****Leonardo: Thomas D. Smitham appointed Chief of Leonardo's Business Development US Organizational Unit**

**Rome, 16/09/2022** – Thomas D. Smitham has been appointed as Chief of Leonardo's US Business Development Organizational Unit, with the aim of accelerating the Company's growth of business in the US market.

The unit will support the Business Development activities in the US for Leonardo, by further strengthening the level of dialogue with institutional stakeholders and supporting the implementation of US commercial campaigns.

Thomas D Smitham, until recently the Acting Ambassador at the US Embassy to Italy, served in the US diplomatic service in senior positions in Washington and abroad. He focused on economic and political affairs in his various assignments in Europe and the Western Hemisphere, including in Brussels, London, Mexico City, and Lima, Peru.

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**Leonardo**, a global high-technology company, is among the top world players in Aerospace, Defense and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries that include Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber & Security Solutions and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2021 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €14.1 billion and invested €1.8 billion in Research and Development. The company has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010 and has been confirmed among the global sustainability leaders in 2021. Leonardo is also included in the MIB ESG index.

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