



AVIO USA SELECTS VIRGINIA FOR SOLID ROCKET MOTORS MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Colleferro (Rome), 11 December 2025 - Avio S.p.A. ("Avio" or the "Company") announces that its subsidiary Avio USA has chosen Virginia as the location for the new advanced manufacturing facility for the production of solid-propellant rocket motors for defense, tactical propulsion, missile systems, and space sectors.

The investment for the planned 860,000 square feet facility will amount up to approximately USD 500m, and will be also supported by Avio's recently announced €400m capital increase. Final approvals and the site selection announcement are expected early next year.

"I want to thank Avio USA for choosing Virginia," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "Today's announcement marks another exciting milestone for our aerospace and defense industry. Avio USA's decision to build a new rocket motor manufacturing facility here is both an important investment in America's national security infrastructure and underscores Avio USA's confidence in Virginia."

"As we enter a new chapter for the Commonwealth, Avio's commitment to Virginia demonstrates the future we're building — innovative, competitive, and rooted in strong partnerships," said Governor-elect Abigail Spanberger. "This kind of investment leverages Virginia's strengths, and I'm committed to continuing the momentum of creating good jobs and fostering sustainable growth for the Commonwealth."

"This factory will help to contribute needed capacity for solid rocket motors today and into the future, meeting critical National Security requirements. We are extremely excited about the opportunities in the Commonwealth of Virginia and look forward to working closely with both Commonwealth and local governments to facilitate bringing the new factory to life." said VADM (Ret.) James Syring, CEO of Avio USA.

"Avio looks forward to establishing on US soil a Solid Rocket Motor production facility to contribute in strengthening the US industrial base by providing decades of experience in engineering and manufacturing. In particular, we are thankful for the Commonwealth and local government's warm welcome for our project and count on their future support for effective execution" said Giulio Ranzo, Chief Executive Officer of Avio S.p.A.

"This project will not only strengthen America's leadership in space and defense technology, but it will bring high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth to our region," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Juan Pablo Segura. "We're proud to support this expansion and look forward to the opportunities it will create for families and businesses across our state."

"Virginia's success in advanced manufacturing is rooted in our talented workforce and the strong

partnerships between state, local, and private-sector leaders,” said Delegate Luke Torian, Chair of the Major Employment and Investment Project Approval Commission. “Avio’s investment in Virginia is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together to support innovation, expand opportunity, and build a more competitive future for the Commonwealth.”

“Avio’s investment in a new rocket motor manufacturing facility will bring highly-skilled jobs, advanced technology, and long-term opportunity to the Commonwealth,” said Senator Louise Lucas, Vice Chair of the Major Employment and Investment Project Approval Commission. “I’m proud of the collaboration that made this possible and delighted to welcome Avio to the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Avio is a leading international group engaged in the manufacturing and development of space launchers and solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion systems. The experience and know-how built up over more than 50 years puts Avio at the cutting-edge of the space launcher sector and defense program. Avio is present in Italy, France, United States and French Guiana, employing more than 1,500 highly qualified personnel. Avio is the prime contractor for the Vega program and a sub-contractor for the Ariane program, as well as a leading solid rocket motor subcontractor for the design and manufacturing of major European tactical missile programs.

Avio USA Inc. is a subsidiary of Avio S.p.A. with its headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. Avio USA is structured to operate in compliance with US security and export-control regulations and is governed by a US-led board of directors. The CEO of Avio USA is retired US Navy Vice Admiral James Syring, former Director of the US Missile Defense Agency.

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