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## Éric Béranger appointed as CEO of MBDA

Éric Béranger is to be MBDA's new Chief Executive Officer, with effect from 1 June 2019, replacing Antoine Bouvier. Over the past 20 years Éric has worked in a number of senior positions in Airbus Defence and Space, and most lately led Global Communications Company OneWeb.

Speaking of the news, Éric Béranger said: "Having delivered growth, innovation and transformation in high technology businesses, it is an honour for me to be joining MBDA, a truly world-leading European missile systems company. As a champion of European industrial integration, I am looking forward to bringing all my knowledge, experience and energy to MBDA - the benchmark of successful European integration within the defence sector."

MBDA Chairman Chris Boardman said: "Éric joins MBDA with an excellent track-record and we wish him a very warm welcome. Antoine has led MBDA through more than a decade of business growth and his personal commitment and contribution has ensured the continued development of MBDA as a global player and European champion in the field of missiles and missile systems. On behalf of the MBDA Board and the Executive and Management Committees I would like to thank Antoine for all his achievements and wish him every success in his new role."

Antoine Bouvier said: "This is an emotional departure for me and I want to thank all the teams in each of our domestic countries who have, through their work and commitment, enabled us to turn this group into a model of European cooperation and integration. I am confident that Éric, together with the MBDA Board and the Executive team, will continue to pursue this successful strategy."

### **Notes to editors:**

MBDA is the only European group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air).

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2018 MBDA achieved revenue of 3.2 billion euros with an order book of 17.4 billion euros. With more than 90 armed forces customers in the world, MBDA is a world leader in missiles and missile systems. In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development.

MBDA is jointly owned by Airbus (37.5 %), BAE Systems (37.5 %), and Leonardo (25 %).

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