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SELEX Galileo secures Eurofighter Typhoon Radar & DASS support services contract worth in excess of £350m

SELEX Galileo, of Finmeccanica, and its partners have been awarded a five and a half year contract worth in excess of £350m by BAE Systems for 'Captor' Radar and 'Praetorian' Defence Aids Systems on behalf of Eurofighter GmbH.

The Contract will see SELEX Galileo provide a full support service on the Eurofighter Typhoon fleets for the Air Forces in UK, Germany, Spain and Italy.

SELEX Galileo leads the EuroRADAR Consortium (consisting of SELEX Galileo, EADS and Indra Sistemas) and the EuroDASS Consortium (consisting of SELEX Galileo, Elettronica, Indra Sistemas and EADS) who, as design authorities for Captor Radar and for the Praetorian Defence Aids Systems, are working closely with BAE Systems, to provide an integrated support service leading to a reduced cost of ownership and increased aircraft availability.

SELEX Galileo has worked with BAE Systems and the Ministries of Defence of UK, Germany, Italy and Spain, in a partnered approach, to establish a framework which transfers to industry, risk traditionally held by the customer.

The contract meets the Eurofighter Typhoon repair cost down challenge given to Industry by the NETMA Nations and provides the customer with a value for money service based solution through integrating Equipment Design Authority Support, Obsolescence Solutions, Equipment Improvement and Equipment Repair.

Steve Mogford, CEO of SELEX Galileo said "Receiving this contract is great news for the EuroRADAR and the EuroDASS consortia and for SELEX Galileo. It has required Industry to come together to create an innovative support solution that responds to the operational needs and budgets of our customers. This contract demonstrates our commitment to partnering with others for integrated and sustainable support solutions".

Notes to Editors:

SELEX Galileo is a key partner in the Eurofighter Typhoon programme. With SELEX Galileo's activities, the Finmeccanica share in the avionics on the Eurofighter Typhoon is more than 60%. The Company's participation in the programme includes development and production carried out at SELEX Galileo's sites in Edinburgh, Luton, Milan, Pomezia and Caselle. SELEX Galileo leads three of the main international consortia: EuroDASS, EuroRADAR and EuroFIRST.

The EuroDASS consortium supplies the state-of-the-art Praetorian defensive aids suite and is designed to enhance aircraft survivability with an advanced suite of self defence sensors and countermeasures. These detect and evaluate potential threats at maximum range and then automatically deploy the most effective countermeasures without the need for crew intervention. SELEX Galileo leads the EuroDASS consortium from its Luton site.

Leading the EuroRADAR consortium, SELEX Galileo has also the contract to design and manufacture the Captor Radar system which is installed on the Eurofighter Typhoon, with activities carried out between the Company's sites of Edinburgh and Milan. At its Edinburgh site, the Company has also developed the Laser Warner for the UK version of Eurofighter Typhoon. This is a specialised sensor which detects laser energy being directed at the aircraft from a range of threats, including rangefinders, designators, sensor dazzle lasers and damage lasers. The system provides 360° coverage for the aircraft and is able to track multiple threats simultaneously.

SELEX Galileo business based in Milan leads the EuroFIRST consortium, comprising Thales in the UK and Tecnobit in Spain, responsible for the PIRATE - passive infrared target search, identification and tracking system - for the aircraft. This is one of the Eurofighter Typhoon's most advanced systems for stealth operations.

SELEX Galileo also participates in the development and production of other Eurofighter Typhoon avionics. In particular, the Company is prime contractor for the development of relevant subsystems and airborne equipments for multi-function cockpit displays, navigation systems (radar altimeter), weapons management system (computers and units for weapon deployment) and flight control.

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