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PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Galileo concludes agreement to establish ATMOS as the Brazilian Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar centre of excellence

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica company and Europe's leading supplier of sophisticated airborne radar systems has concluded an agreement with ATMOS, a subsidiary of ATECH, to establish them as the Brazilian AESA Radar Centre of Excellence and Airborne Radar Systems House. The agreement is directly in accordance with the Brazilian Defence Strategy's intention of strengthening Brazil's national defence industrial capability.

The agreement which follows on from the recent Memorandum of Understanding focuses on the individual target programmes, such as the Raven ES-05 AESA for Gripen Next Generation (NG), and details the training, development, production and support activities to be carried out by ATMOS. In addition to the Raven ES-05 AESA radar for the Saab Gripen NG proposed for the FX-2 programme, the agreement also covers all radars in the SELEX Galileo portfolio including the Seaspray 5000E and 7000E AESA surveillance radars and the Gabbiano T20 mechanically scanned (M-Scan) surveillance radar system.

This range of surveillance radars is being offered to meet a wide range of major Brazilian Air Force requirements including maritime patrol aircraft and helicopter operations.

The collaboration will provide ATMOS with in depth training on radar systems, development activities in the Raven ES-05 AESA, including full participation in the final testing and flight trials, plus the skills necessary to test and fully support the radar in Brazil. In the longer term joint development of advanced radar sub-systems will take place to ensure the future needs of the Força Aérea Brasileira (Brazilian Air Force) are met. This transfer of knowledge and technology also applies to the other SELEX Galileo radars to ensure that the ATMOS capability covers all aspects of airborne radar systems.

"We consider this to be a hugely important agreement" said Alastair Morrison, Senior Vice President of Radar and Advanced Targeting Line of Business in SELEX Galileo. "Brazil is an increasingly important market for us and we understand the need to transfer knowledge and technology to satisfy the Brazilian needs. In ATMOS, we have found a partner with the vision and capability that will allow us to make that a reality. As important, we have found a partner who will work with us to exploit the engineering capability in Brazil and ensure that SELEX Galileo and ATMOS can develop innovative and effective radar systems in the future".

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