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PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Galileo: A key player in the UK MoD's Project Baker

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company and a key player in the Electronic Warfare (EW) market is delighted to announce its successful participation in the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD)'s Project Baker.

The Company has been awarded contracts worth in excess of £10 Million as part of an Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) to provide an integrated Defensive Aids System (DAS) for the RAF's Chinook Mk2 and Mk3 helicopters. Working under demanding UOR timescales, SELEX Galileo's DAS system has now been formally released for service and the Project Baker system concept has been acknowledged as a benchmark for the UK MoD's rotary wing aircraft DAS.

The Baker integrated DAS is derived from the combat-proven HIDAS (Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aids System), currently protecting British Army Apaches in-theatre. The solution and approach adopted for Baker provided the chance to reuse key system elements and so reduce technical and schedule risk. It also built on experience already available within the larger MoD-Industry team of which SELEX Galileo was a part.

A new, stand-alone DAS Controller provides integration of new and existing DAS sub-systems. The DAS Controller uses threat data and other information to provide an overall threat and status picture to the crew via a new colour Multi-Function Display (MFD). The DAS Controller also coordinates the tactical countermeasure responses to the detected threats. In replacing what was previously a range of separate controls and displays with a single, integrated control and display, the crew workload is substantially decreased and their situational awareness increased.

Key to this success was the commitment of the SELEX Galileo team, which has worked tirelessly to deliver the expected solution and demonstrate that the IPT's trust was well placed. The customer has acknowledged the team's capacity to look "outside the box" and to challenge existing practice, both traits proving essential to keeping the project on track and delivering the required capabilities to the users.

With the award of this contract, alongside the recently awarded MoD CDAS Technology Demonstrator Programme (TDP) contract, SELEX Galileo is positioning itself as a key provider of airborne platform protection systems to the UK MoD. The Company is committed to partnering with UK Armed Forces in the development of solutions to their current and future requirements.

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