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PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Galileo awarded a £10 M contract by the Canadian Department of National Defence

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company, has been awarded a £10M contract by the Canadian Department of National Defence (DND) for the supply of the Company's Digital Gun Management Systems (DGMS). DGMS is a variant of the UK Light Gun LINAPS (Laser Inertial Artillery Pointing System) for the M777 lightweight towed howitzer. The order follows on from an initial contract procured in 2006.

The Company's Digital Gun Management Systems (DGMS) has demonstrated that it can dramatically improve the Canadian Artillery's capability during missions providing timely and accurate target engagement. The system can be rapidly deployed and the gun crew can operate from unsurveyed locations, in all weather and light conditions. DGMS represents a significant improvement over traditional artillery systems which relied on optical sights to determine gun direction.

Keith Marshall, VP Marketing and Sales Electronic Warfare and BPA at SELEX Galileo said: "SELEX Galileo welcomes the award of this new contract for its battle proven LINAPS system. Above all we are delighted by the appreciation of its performance that has been acknowledged by the Canadian customer, as well as by other customers that are currently using it in theatre. LINAPS confirms itself as a strategic asset in the tactical scenario delivering outstanding force protection capability and further market opportunities are arising around the world starting with India."

The DGMS-equipped M777s have performed with high precision since they were deployed in theatre in late 2006. The Canadian Forces has proven experience with the DGMS on operations and training since its introduction into service in 2006.

Notes to the Editors:

DGMS incorporates a gunner's display, vehicle motion sensors and a powerful mission management system. The DGMS is integrated with the Indirect Fire Control Computer System (IFCCS) and the Raytheon Microlight digital radio, to provide a digital link from the Command Post to the guns. This ensures a seamless transfer of mission data and rapid, accurate target engagement.

LINAPS, of which DGMS is a variant, is in service with the British Army 105mm L118 Light Gun, and was successfully deployed in Iraq during the second Gulf war. A self-contained gun-mounted navigation, pointing and weapon management system, LINAPS enables rapid and accurate artillery deployment in all weather conditions.

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