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SELEX Galileo wins additional UK contract for SATURN Tactical ISTAR for Team Stellar

- Pace setting Team Stellar have received a further development contract for their latest SATURN tactical ISTAR system.

SELEX Galileo, of Finmeccanica, has secured a second contract for UK MoD's Grand Challenge winning Team Stellar's SATURN tactical ISTAR Unmanned System. SELEX Galileo is the prime contract holder and system integrator for this new agreement which is the latest in a series of pace setting 100 day delivery programmes.

The contract will complete with the delivery of a new *highly agile ground vehicle capable of operation at the speed of a running soldier*. It will also deliver timely, relevant forward situational awareness ahead of forces on the move maintaining forward situational awareness ahead of forces on the move offering potentially life-saving assistance in both counter IED operations and routine patrols. The unique mix of sensors used in the unmanned air and ground vehicles which make up the SATURN system are innovatively exploited by the software of the common ground control station to allow the system to achieve a full area search without the requirement for operator intervention which maximises the detection potential of the system.

SATURN will be delivered for trials by UK Forces in December 2009 and is currently being evaluated against a wide range of scenario sets.

The high level of autonomy provided by SATURN is made possible by bringing together an innovative team of suppliers operating within a flexible management structure tailored to the needs of small-medium-enterprise companies and academia. Stellar Research Services lead Team Stellar and provide full team management, SELEX Galileo is the prime contract holder and system integrator for both recent UK MOD contracts, Blue Bear Systems Research and Marshall SDG provide autonomous operating vehicles, TRW-Conect and Cranfield University provide sensor and image processing technologies.

Notes to Editors:

SATURN is a highly innovative system with an open adaptable multi-vehicle, multi-sensor architecture which combines air and ground based autonomous robot vehicles to provide area situation awareness for ground combatants. The system enables multiple vehicle search patterns and identification of potential threats whilst minimising the need for close operation by a dedicated user. The system was first demonstrated during the MOD Grand Challenge in 2008 where it won the event and was awarded the prestigious R.J.Mitchell Trophy.

IMG_001 – Unmanned Ground Vehicle of SATURN System

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