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SELEX Galileo's new competition to encourage an interest in engineering careers at the Edinburgh International Science Festival 2010

SELEX Galileo is to play a key role at this year's Edinburgh International Science Festival, which will be bringing popular science and a line up of entertaining scientists and thinkers to the city. A long standing supporter of the festival, SELEX Galileo will be launching a new competition aimed at building children's confidence in engaging with science and technology.

For the first time, children visiting SELEX Galileo's display at the City Arts Centre will have the opportunity to submit their suggestions for new design modifications to the Company's "Rampaging Chariots" Robots which are one of the festival's main attractions. The winner will be invited to visit SELEX Galileo's site to pitch their idea to senior management.

Alastair Morrison, Senior Vice President Radar and Advanced Targeting said "Our aim is to encourage young people to pursue careers in engineering and technology, which are the lifeblood of the Company and a core area of expertise within Scotland. To do this, we need to ensure that their confidence is built as early on as possible so that these positive experiences influence their choice of degree later on."

As one of the largest private sector employers in Edinburgh with over 1200 engineers on site, SELEX Galileo understands that the long term performance of the Company will depend on a new generation of talented young engineers. The Company is a regular supporter of the Edinburgh International Science Festival and carries out a range of other educational initiatives with Universities and schools across the UK. These initiatives include providing industry insight into course content in order to help guide young aspiring engineers.

As in previous years, SELEX Galileo will be staging at the Edinburgh Science Festival a Rampaging Chariots tournament where children race high powered robots around an obstacle course that has been specially designed to test the capability of both chariot and racing driver to the limit.

The Edinburgh International Science Festival runs from Saturday 3rd April to Saturday 17th April.

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