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PRESS RELEASE

SELEX Galileo teams with Universal Engineering to provide integrated mission systems for the Ranger series of vehicles

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company, has signed a teaming agreement with Universal Engineering Company Ltd (Charlestown) to be the exclusive supplier and integrator of mission and sensor systems for the Company's Ranger series of vehicles.

The agreement means that SELEX Galileo's Mission Systems architecture and Indirect Vision System (IVS) technology will be the default choice when bidding Ranger into armoured vehicle programmes, with the two companies working together on marketing and tenders.

SELEX Galileo will integrate a range of critical systems onto the Ranger, further boosting the vehicle's already very high crew protection capabilities. These include the Company's local situational awareness system, remote weapon station and driver's night vision system. Together, the systems provide a 24 hour situational awareness capability for the crews with the ability to respond to threats while remaining under armour. For each specific vehicle programme, SELEX Galileo will also integrate third party and GFE mission equipment as necessary to meet the individual customer requirements.

The technology load is an expanded version of the Indirect Vision System (IVS) which SELEX Galileo has already installed on the British Army's Ridgeback and Mastiff Vehicles, technology that is now battle proven on current operations. The system provides 360 degree visibility and can be easily reconfigured for different missions using the Company's "plug and play" modular camera interface.

Notes to editors

Ranger was launched in June 2009 and has since been extensively tested. With a design philosophy that emphasises survivability, mobility and payload, the vehicle has been engineered to protect crews from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and mines, and is the first vehicle to include STANAG 4569 level 4 protection as a minimum.

SELEX Galileo began production deliveries of their Indirect Vision System for installation onto the British Army's Mastiff and Ridgeback fleets in February 2009, and the system is now in service on the British Army's protected mobility fleet. Over the years, SELEX Galileo systems have been or still are in service with British Forces on Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks, Bulldog armoured personnel carriers, Ridgeback Protected Patrol Vehicles, Viking vehicles and the Panther Command and Liaison vehicles.

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