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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **SELEX Galileo and Owlstone to form strategic partnership in CBRN technologies**

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica company, and US headquartered Owlstone Nanotech Inc. are pleased to announce that they have formed a strategic agreement covering the exclusive use by SELEX Galileo of Owlstone's FAIMS (Field Asymmetric Ion Mobility Spectroscopy) sensor for chemical sensing in the military market.

This agreement follows a successful three year technology and product development collaboration which combined Owlstone's FAIMS sensor and SELEX Galileo's chemical detection and identification algorithms, to create the Nexsense C chemical detection system.

Nexsense C has demonstrated the capability to address the most stringent requirements for the detection and identification of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals. The multi year agreement covers the exclusive use of the Owlstone FAIMS sensor in the Global military market by SELEX Galileo and will result in a revolutionary ability to protect the warfighter from chemical threats. Additionally, the two companies are furthering their teaming efforts in product and business development while continuing to develop their joint product strategies to address the global security markets.

Alastair Morrison, Senior Vice President, Radar and Advanced Targeting at SELEX Galileo said: "Securing exclusivity for the military sector represents a win for both organisations as it combines SELEX Galileo's established market position, sensors integration experience and signal processing capabilities with Owlstone's proven innovation and engineering capability. This agreement also strengthens our ties with the US market where we are identifying the best partners to further develop our business and consolidate our presence as providers of advanced sensing solutions."

### **About SELEX Galileo**

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica company, is a leading player in defence electronics. The Company employs over 7000 people and operates in three domestic markets: UK, Italy and the US through dedicated legal entities. With a distinctive strength in airborne mission critical systems, and a wide range of capabilities for the battlefield and for homeland security applications, SELEX Galileo is always offering the best solution to its customers. Further details can be obtained from our website <http://www.selexgalileo.com>

### **About Owlstone**

Owlstone Ltd is a pioneer in the commercialization of chemical detection products. The Owlstone detector is a revolutionary dime-sized sensor that can be programmed to detect a wide range of chemical agents that may be present in extremely small quantities. Using leading-edge micro and nanofabrication techniques, Owlstone has created a complete chemical detection sensor that is significantly smaller and can be produced more cost effectively than products using existing technology. There are numerous applications -- across industries from security and defense to industrial process, air quality control and healthcare -- that depend on the rapid, accurate detection and measurement of chemical compounds. Owlstone works with market leaders within these industries to integrate the

detector into next generation chemical sensing products and solutions. Owlstone's technology offers a unique combination of benefits, including small size, low manufacturing costs, minimal power consumption, reduced false-positives, and a customizable platform.

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