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Press Note



Team Stellar wins the prestigious IET innovation award

SELEX Galileo of Finmeccanica is delighted to announce that Team Stellar has been awarded an Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) Innovation Award in the Team category. Team Stellar developed SATURN against a user requirement for up to date situational awareness and local intelligence, in environments encountered in current theatres, which could significantly improve force protection at Battlegroup level and below.

SATURN is an open, adaptable, multi-vehicle, multi-sensor architecture which combines air and ground based autonomous robot vehicles to provide area situational awareness for ground combatants. The innovation within the SATURN system is in both the individual technologies and Team Stellar's vision, combined with the professional advice from front line units, to integrate them together into an operational system. The high level of autonomy provided by SATURN was made possible by combining an innovative team of suppliers operating within a flexible management structure tailored to the needs of small-medium-enterprise companies and academia.

The IET is one of the world's leading professional societies for the engineering and technology community, and to be announced as a winner in one of the 15 categories out of a total of 300 entries is a significant achievement for SELEX Galileo.

The Team Stellar has gone from strength to strength, winning the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) Grand Challenge, instigated by Lord Drayson in 2007. They have also been awarded two pace setting "100 day" contracts by the UK MoD to develop their competition winning system and have now gone on to win an IET Innovation Award.

The key goal of the team was to create a system delivering real capability to the end-user in theatre.

Notes to Editors:

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 and TRW-Conekt and Cranfield University provide sensor and image processing technologies.

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