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SELEX Galileo provides its Aircraft Gateway Processor (AGP) for U.S. Army AH-64D Apache Longbow Helicopters

SELEX Galileo, of Finmeccanica, has received a production contract from Boeing Integrated Defense Systems for its Aircraft Gateway Processor (AGP). The system will be installed on all extended Block II Apache Longbow helicopters operated by the U.S. Army and International customers from 2009. This follows 18 months of investment and co-operation by the companies to jointly develop new and improved Aircraft Survivability Equipment for the AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter.

The AGP will be supplied to Boeing as a Group 'A' enhancement to the AH-64D and will be installed on over 150 aircraft, providing an intelligent, mission configurable ASE controller.

Steve Mogford, Chief Executive Officer of SELEX Galileo said: "This contract represents a huge vote of confidence in our ASE capability and we are delighted that the outstanding performance of our AGP has been recognised by our partners at Boeing. The award also marks a significant milestone in our growing trans-Atlantic presence and further strengthens our links with key partners in the USA."

Notes to Editors

The AGP is an Aircraft Survivability Equipment (ASE) controller, designed to integrate federated Electronic Warfare sensors and countermeasures. The system enhances platform survivability and reduces crew workload. This is achieved by increasing situational awareness of the threat environment and initiating optimised countermeasure responses to defeat the threats. The AGP is derived from the ASE controller in the combat-proven Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aids System (HIDAS), installed on UK, Kuwaiti and Greek Apache Longbow helicopters.

SELEX Sensors and Airborne Systems Limited and Galileo Avionica SpA now operate internationally as a single company, within Finmeccanica, known as SELEX Galileo. SELEX Galileo provides world class capabilities in surveillance, protection, tracking, targeting, avionics and imaging systems.

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