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SELEX Galileo receives subcontract from CAE for M-346 initial training capability

Eurofighter simulation activities on schedule with a 32M Euro contract for ASTA

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SELEX Galileo, of Finmeccanica, is pleased to announce the signing of a subcontract with CAE for work on the initial training capability for Alenia Aermacchi's M-346 new generation advanced lead-in fighter trainer.

CAE was selected earlier this year by Alenia Aermacchi (AAEM) as preferred full-mission simulator supplier for the M-346 aircraft. As part of the M-346 program, AAEM awarded CAE a contract for the design, development and validation of the Initial Training Capability, which includes the prototype M-346 flight training device. SELEX Galileo will contribute to the M-346 training programme through simulator systems development and delivery. SELEX Galileo will have responsibility for the Instructor Operating Station (IOS) and provide parts of the avionics simulation and the cockpit.

SELEX Galileo's activities for this programme will be carried out from the Ronchi dei Legionari Site, where the Training and Simulation Product Delivery Group is located. The participation on the M-346 flight training device enhances SELEX Galileo's strong position in the simulation business which ranges from the Tornado full mission simulators, the aircrew synthetic training aids for the Eurofighter Typhoon, the Harrier Simulator, Radar Simulators, and to the Falco BattleLab and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Simulators.

Just recently, SELEX Galileo had signed ESS supplement 5, the 2nd batch production contract for the Eurofighter Typhoon's Aircrew Synthetic Training Aids (ASTA) worth 32M Euro. This contract includes the delivery of SELEX Galileo contribution for 15 systems, eight full mission simulators and seven enhanced cockpit trainers. Together with the first batch production contracts, the total number of ASTA in service will be 11 Main Operating Bases including 15 Full Mission Simulators and 12 Enhanced Cockpit Trainers in the four Nations and Austria.

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**SELEX Galileo role in ASTA Eurofighter programme:**

Within the ESS GmbH consortium (which includes ARGE Rheinmetall Defence Electronics GmbH, CAE GmbH, Indra Sistemas S.A., and Thales Training & Simulation Ltd.) SELEX Galileo provides all Eurofighter partner countries with: the radar simulation system (Digital Radar Land Mass Simulation), the Debriefing Station and Theater, the Lesson Planning and the Scenario Generator and, in cooperation with the Spanish company Indra, the Instruction Stations. In addition to this, in the ASTA Programme SELEX Galileo provides national visual, radar, FLIR, EW and Navigation Aids data bases, constructs the building for the 2nd Main Operating Base of Gioia del Colle, installs the simulators in the Italian Main Operating Bases and provides in-service support for them.

**About SELEX Galileo;**

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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