

Leuchars, 11th September 2010

SELEX Galileo highlights continuing industry-customer partnership with RAF Leuchars at Air Show 2010

On Saturday the 11th September, the Royal Air Force (RAF) put on an Air Show at Leuchars Air Base in Fife, Scotland. The show impressed visitors with flying displays and commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company, reprised its role as a key sponsor of the event, helping transform the fully operational airfield into the largest show of its kind in Scotland.

The sponsorship however is just the latest illustration of the partnership between the personnel at RAF Leuchars and the Company, a leader in defence electronics. With a key research, development and manufacturing site just over an hours drive away in Edinburgh, the Company's engineers and decision makers have been able to build close relationships with their counterparts at the base, allowing SELEX Galileo to respond more quickly and more effectively to the evolving needs of troops.

The partnership is set to grow even further in the future as Leuchars changes from a base of operations for 111 Tornado Squadron to the home of the reformed 6 Squadron, who will fly the new Eurofighter Typhoon. 6 Squadron will train for Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) duty, which they will take over in April 2011. The change is significant to SELEX Galileo as the Company is responsible for many of the most critical systems on the Typhoon, leading several European consortiums to deliver the fighter's Captor radar, Praetorian Defensive Aids Sub System (DASS), and Pirate Infrared Search and Track (IRST).

Having a fully operational Eurofighter Typhoon base so close to the Company's site will allow SELEX Galileo to work even more directly with the end users of these systems.

SVP for Radar and Advanced Targeting Alastair Morrison said "Working with RAF Leuchars has not only allowed us to understand their needs, but has also instilled an extra measure of pride into our jobs, as we can see up close the link between the systems we make and the benefits they're bringing to crews"

Notes to editors

SELEX Galileo, through its UK (Edinburgh and Luton) and Italian (Nerviano, Turin, Caselle, Pomezia and Ronchi dei Legionari) sites, is an important partner in the Eurofighter Typhoon programme. The Company provides several mission critical systems for the Typhoon, with the various programmes bringing Finmeccanica's overall contribution to the aircraft's avionics to over 60%. In particular, SELEX Galileo:

- Is the lead company in the EuroRADAR consortium, which includes INDRA (Spain) and EADS (Germany). EuroRADAR developed and now manufactures the Typhoon's multi-mode Captor radar;
- Leads the EuroDASS Praetorian consortium, which builds and supplies the integrated self-protection system, and includes Elettronica (Italy), INDRA (Spain) and EADS (Germany);

- Is prime contractor for the EuroFIRST consortium, which builds the infra-red PIRATE system that detects and tracks potential threats autonomously and passively. This is one of the most advanced systems developed for the Eurofighter programme;
- Leads the development and construction of sub-systems for the Typhoon's laser and infra-red guided missile equipment, sub-systems that generate tactical symbols in the cockpit, navigation systems equipment, the weapons management system and flight control system components;
- Is a key partner at national level of the full mission simulator and training tools for Typhoon crews.

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