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## **Tenth Project Sentinel aircraft fitted with the SELEX Galileo Surveillance Information Management System delivered to Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica Company, is pleased to announce the delivery by COBHAM Australia of the tenth and last Project Sentinel DHC-8 aircraft, modified for a civil maritime surveillance role, to the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

These aircraft are fitted with the SELEX Galileo-developed Surveillance Information Management (SIM) system, which is in the final stages of development and delivery.

The contract for the development of the SIM system was signed with COBHAM Australia in December 2006, with the delivery of the final version of the operational software scheduled for December 2010.

A ceremony has taken place Darwin, Australia on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to mark the acceptance into service of the final DHC-8 surveillance aircraft to be delivered under Project Sentinel for the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service.

The SIM system, part of SELEX Galileo's ATOS family, consists of an airborne segment and a ground-based segment. The airborne segment will be carried in COBHAM Australia's DHC-8 aircraft and two Australian Helicopters Pty. Ltd helicopters. The ground-based segment consists of the command, control and communications node that is installed in the Australian Maritime Surveillance Operations Centre of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service in Canberra, and two deployable terminals for use in field operations.

The SIM system will perform a key role in the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's surveillance of Australia's maritime approaches. The SIM system provides the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service with an improved ability to plan surveillance missions, and to follow the progress of these missions in real-time through progressive reporting of mission data over a satellite link to the Australian Maritime Surveillance Operations Centre in Canberra.

The system also has the capability to provide live video transmissions of important events to the Operations Centre if required. A particular advantage of the system is its ability to gather and correlate evidentiary-quality information for use in prosecutions of persons or vessels involved in illegal activities.

“SELEX Galileo is proud to be involved in the development of this world-leading system for civil maritime surveillance,” said Fabrizio Giulianini, Deputy CEO of SELEX Galileo. “This system has been specifically designed to meet the Australian Government’s need for visibility of its maritime environment, and is the first system to come to market specifically designed to gather and protect the evidence of violations.”

“The Surveillance Information Management System is another important step in the SELEX Galileo development of the ATOS family of mission systems already sold to the Italian Government and internationally to six other countries”, added Fabrizio Giulianini, Deputy CEO of SELEX Galileo.

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