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Norwegian Avinor Selects WAM From Saab

Defence and security company Saab has been selected by Avinor Air Navigation Services (Avinor ANS), Norway's air navigation service provider, to deploy multilateration technology for air traffic surveillance coverage across all of Norway along with surface surveillance for Norwegian airports.

Avinor's NORWAM system will provide air traffic surveillance data to the ARTAS (advanced surveillance data system) tracker through a constellation of sensors installed throughout the country. The system will replace several existing radars which have reached their end-of-life dates. The surveillance data will be fully compliant with all applicable standards in the different airspaces such as Enroute, TMA, CTR and surface coverage volumes. The first phase of the project is to implement WAM coverage for TMAs and CTRs within three regions of Norway. Over the coming years, Avinor plans to expand the coverage across the nation.

"We are pleased to have signed this contract with Saab. Saab's technology will help us to provide the best possible service to our customers in the coming years, at a lower cost than traditional radar," says managing director of Avinor ANS, Anders Kirsebom.

"WAM will improve coverage, accuracy and redundancy over traditional radar at a lower initial and life cycle cost. Saab's multilateration sensor is a rugged, reliable solution that meets the performance requirements for this difficult operating area," said Anders Carp, head of Traffic Management, Saab.

Saab is the world's leading multilateration provider. The multilateration system from Saab is operational at nearly 80 sites, including nine of the 10 busiest airports in the world as identified by Airports Council International.

Saab has deployed several operational WAM systems, to customers that include Sweden, Austria, Australia, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States. Saab has a long history of providing ATC systems in Norway, including: multilateration systems at Bergen and Stavanger Airports; A-SMGCS at Stavanger, Bergen and Oslo airports; an ADS-B system for the Ekofisk and Sleipner-Heimdal oil fields, and a regional WAM in southwestern Norway.

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