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Saab Receives Upgrade Orders for U.S. Army Training Systems

Defence and Security company Saab has received three orders from the U.S. Army Program Executive Office of Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEOSTRI). Saab will now provide OSAG 2.0 interoperability upgrades for the U.S. 7th ATC's Deployable Instrumentation System – Europe (DISE) and the Combat Vehicle Tactical Engagement Simulation System (CVTESS) to meet U.S. Army and European forward deployment interoperability requirements.

These new orders, implemented as Mid-Life Service Upgrades, deliver a first of its kind fully interoperable solution to the customer. They will enable soldiers to quickly configure training system lasers to operate using either MILES Communication Code (MCC), primarily used in U.S. training environments or the OSAG 2.0 standard, used by most nations in Europe, for training engagements in any theatre and together with multinational units. OSAG 2.0 is a software code originally developed by Saab that enables true ballistic simulation of ammunition used in anti-tank and vehicle weapons when firing with laser transmitters.

Originally delivered in 2001 for up to Battalion sized training, DISE provides deployable instrumented Live Training capability consisting of Tactical Engagement Simulation System lasers and detectors, exercise control (EXCON), battle tracking, data collection and rapid After Action Review (AAR) capability for Live Training events.

In addition to the OSAG 2.0 upgrade of the DISE infantry systems, Saab will also deliver OSAG 2.0 enabled CVTESS capability for the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank, the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle and brackets for OPFOR vehicles.

“This capability provides the U.S. 7th ATC with the ability to train seamlessly with the European partners, using equipment that can be configured for MILES or OSAG 2.0.” says Cyndi Krisan General Manager, Saab Defense and Security USA's (SDAS) Training & Simulation unit.

Saab has delivered similar Instrumentation Training and CVTESS systems around the world to U.S. Army CONUS and OCONUS locations for Homestation and Combat Training Center (CTC) warfighter readiness training, from Company to Brigade forces.

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“This upgrade presents a unique opportunity for NATO forces and U.S. Training Partners within Europe to train together by combining interoperable national systems to create a fully instrumented training environment with any configuration, scale and at any given location,” says Åsa Thegström, head of business unit Training & Simulation within Saab business area Dynamics.

Based in Grafenwoehr, Germany, the upgraded DISE capability will be deployed throughout Europe supporting Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE) for Joint and Multinational forces.

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