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Saab signs Support Contract Extension with British Army

Defence and security company Saab has signed a contract extension with the United Kingdom's (UK) Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the provision of Support and Services to the Direct Fire Weapon Effects Simulator (DFWES) capability. The three year extension has a value of MSEK245 and comes into effect during 2017. The order will be booked in the first quarter 2017.

DFWES is a high fidelity laser based Tactical Engagement Simulation (TES) system, that allows dismounted and mounted troops to simulate the effects of direct and indirect fire. All weapon systems and vehicles from small arms through to Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) are simulated and all training data can be gathered to objectively assess performance and enhance learning through an informed After Action Review (AAR) process. DFWES also incorporates fully deployable Urban, Counter IED and Full Motion Video (FMV) training capabilities, which facilitates realistic and challenging training for all those taking part.

"This new contract, extending the use of the capability, is a proof of the strong relationship between Saab and the British Army, and a renewal of our commitment as a highly trusted complete training provider to a leading military customer," says Åsa Thegström, head of business unit Training & Simulation within Saab business area Dynamics.

The DFWES capability supports British Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marine training events around the world and has seen a significant increase in demand during recent years. This contract sees the provision of a flexible support to the UK's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) and the Infantry Battle School (IBS), as well as at the UK's Collective Training Environments in Canada and at Salisbury Plain. It also supports numerous overseas and multinational exercises.

DFWES is the UK's only standalone, deployable capability able to support Combined Arms Battle Group training. It is also readily interoperable with other users of Saab Tactical Engagement Simulation (TES), making it ideal for sustaining the Collective Training requirements of British Forces well into the future.

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