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Polish Defence Acquisition System



Poland is currently in the process of modernizing its Armed forces. In order to achieve this the best possible way, the Polish authorities have developed an effective system of acquisition, utilization and withdrawal of armament and military equipment. An important aspect of this system is undoubtedly the increase of contribution of the national industrial defence capabilities to the process of

modernizing the Polish Armed Forces and improving effectiveness of entities of the country's industrial defence capabilities in the international armament market.

To achieve this goal the following actions will be necessary to be followed:

- Adaptation of production capacity as well as of Research & Development aspects of defence industry to the needs of national recipients and to the export opportunities;
- Development and implementation of the weapon and military equipment acquisition system enabling foreseeable and stable ordering procedure from the Ministry of National Defence;
- Coordination of the science and research policy and development works within the scope of weapon and military equipment;
- Extension of product portfolio of industrial defence capabilities within the scope of modern weapon and military equipment;
- Location of offset obligations in the Polish defence industry to acquire necessary capabilities securing fulfillment of fundamental security and defence interests of the country;
- Introduction to offset agreements of obligations related to carrying out programs important to the national security and defence;
- Introduction of Polish entities into creation of an innovative and competitive base of European defence technology and industry;
- Defining institutional and legal framework enabling the transfer of military technologies to the civil sector and the activity limiting barriers for such transfer.

For further information you can also read the following document

http://en.mon.gov.pl/z/pliki/dokumenty/rozne/2014/01/ENGLISH_SRSBN_RP_do_pobrania.pdf

Polish-Korean Defence Cooperation

Ministry of National Defence Republic
of Poland

On Monday, May 26th, representatives of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) from South Korea met with the Polish Minister of National Defence Tomasz Siemonek. The DAPA Representatives visited Poland for a few days and during the visit they presented the possibilities of the Korean defence industry. DAPA administrator Young - Geol stated that this visit's objective was to build mutual trust and to start the development of more intense relations. On the other hand the Polish Minister of National Defence Tomasz Siemonek stated "Korea is famous for the high quality products that is why I hope military cooperation will develop".

In 2013 the Presidents of Poland and Korea created the base upon which the current cooperation is centered. Furthermore Poland hopes to start concrete initiatives in the domains of defence and security. One example of such cooperation could be developed in the air force or air defence domains, where Korea has wide possibilities and experience.

Polish Minister Mr. Siemonek stated that he hopes that necessary solutions at expert level will be worked out before his visit in Seoul this autumn. Additionally, he stressed that in all strategic partnerships schemes developed it is very important that provisions for transfer of technology will be arranged.

Kyriazis Vasileios,

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Epicos “Industrial Cooperation and Offset Projects”



Epicos “Industrial Cooperation and Offset Projects” provides a unique set of online tools enabling the structure, identification and implementation of comprehensive Offsets programs, through a searchable database. By introducing different offset projects and ideas proposed by local A&D industry it ensures the optimum cost for Prime Contractors and reassures that the priorities of local industry are fully met...

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Development of an integrated parts’ codification system complying with NATO standards



A company providing solutions for corporate and/or governmental organizations critical information systems is proposing the development of an Integrated Parts Codification System, according to NATO Supply System standards. This system will provide sourced items codification functions for the Armed Forces or other organizations where appropriate parts’ codification according to NATO standards and related

information exchange is crucial for the related organizations’ operations. Integration with existing life-cycle support products is also possible.

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Development of E-Band radio technology and associated infrastructure



A company specializing in microwave transmission network planning, microwave link planning, administration of government licensing, turnkey project realization including equipment manufacturing, system integration, installation, training and documentation is proposing, in the frame of an offset program, collaboration with a prime contractor or a third party, specializing in broadband wireless technology, in order to develop subcomponents for EHF point-to-point equipment (radios), to be integrated at the system level, or sold as individual units.

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**CANSEC in Canada, Ottawa - May 28th & 29th 2014**

Microflown AVISA will be exhibiting at the CANSEC 2014 in Ottawa. The CANSEC incorporates the entire Canadian defence community and is aimed at promoting business cooperation on both the local and international scale. Microflown AVISA will be exhibiting together with Maritime Way and can be found at:

Booth #1529

If you have any further questions regarding the company's participation in this event, please contact: boekhorst@microflown.com

Fokker launches 'Panoramic Window' in collaboration with Boeing Business Jets

Hoofddorp, the Netherlands. Fokker Services, part of Fokker Technologies, is pleased to announce at the 2014 European Business Aviation Conference and Exhibition (Ebase) in Geneva, Switzerland the introduction of its latest innovation, in an exploratory collaboration with Boeing Business Jets (BBJ). The 'Panoramic Window' will be the first of its kind to be developed and certified for the business aviation community and will be offered to Boeing Business Jet owners and operators.

The 'Panoramic Window' sets a new standard for personalizing and designing VIP aircraft interiors. The 'Panoramic Window' measures 54.5 inches wide, slightly larger than three window bays and will offer a height of 19.5 inches, approximately 40% taller than the existing windows. It is being designed for the BBJ, based on the 737-700 NG model aircraft, and would also be available for the upcoming BBJ MAX. A mock-up of the 'Panoramic Window' can be seen at Fokker Services Booth 3223.

"This innovative design is the latest example of Boeing Business Jets' commitment to continually improving our product offerings with increased flexibility to meet customer requirements," said Steve Taylor, president Boeing Business Jets. "Working with Fokker Services to develop the Panoramic Window will enable us to offer our customers, for the first-time, unmatched views outside the airplane cabin and a better flying experience."

James Aspell, VP Technical Services and Aircraft Completions & Conversions at Fokker Services said: “This innovation re-confirms Fokker Services position as a creative design and completions organization developing products that enhance the customer experience. This is a real game changer that offers owners, operators and passengers a distinctively new way to experience VIP air travel. We are proud we can achieve this together with Boeing Business Jets, a distinguished leader in global aviation industry”.

About Boeing Business Jets

Boeing Business Jets offers a wide variety of ultra-large-cabin, long-range airplanes perfectly suited for the private jet market. The product line includes the BBJ, BBJ 2 and BBJ 3 – high-performance derivatives of the commercially successful Next-Generation 737 airplane family and the new 737 MAX family – as well as Boeing twin-aisle airplanes including the 747-8, 767, 777 and 787. More than 400 Boeing airplanes are in service in the business aircraft VIP market.

About Fokker Services

Fokker Services is part of Fokker Technologies, which develops and produces advanced components and systems for the business, commercial and military aerospace industry. Fokker Services provide VIP completion services, integrated maintenance services and an array of logistic products and solutions to aircraft owners and operators.

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French defence minister warns against more budget cuts

France's defence minister has warned that any further cuts in the military budget would badly hamper operations amid reports that the top brass would quit if there was further belt-tightening.

French President Francois Hollande will take decisions on the issue in the coming weeks, his entourage said Friday, following Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's letter to him.

The warning comes at a time when France has sent troops to two of its former colonies in Africa, Mali and the Central African Republic, where there has been widespread fighting following coups.

If there are more cuts, "the army will become under-equipped and will not be able to undertake new operations," said Le Drian.

He also wrote that the forces were in a state of "near exasperation" over cuts already announced.

The French government plans to cut 50 billion euros (\$70 billion) from state spending over the next three years, partly through freezing a range of welfare benefits and the pay of most public sector workers.

It also plans to scrap 34,000 defence jobs in six years and do away with some regiments.

The French military employs 285,200 people, of whom around 218,500 are soldiers, sailors and pilots.

The satirical weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* said the heads of the army, navy and air force met secretly on May 13 and agreed to resign if the military suffered more budget cuts.

They did not issue a statement but leaked their intentions to the press, the weekly said.

Source: 2014 AFP, Agence France-Presse (AFP)

US agency calls for new tests on Boeing 787 batteries

The US National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday that new tests should be conducted on batteries in Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, after causing two incidents last year.

In January 2013, regulators grounded the plane for three months following two battery overheating incidents that caused a fire on a 787 parked at Boston's Logan airport and smoke that forced an aircraft into an emergency landing in Japan.

The NTSB said on its website that a process used in 2006 to assess the lithium-ion batteries was "inadequate" and called on the US Federal Aviation Administration to develop more comprehensive assessments.

The agency made five recommendations, calling in particular for the evaluation of safety performance in the event of "an internal short circuit failure."

It also called for "a panel of independent expert consultants" to be involved early in the technology approval process.

Boeing said that tests conducted on the batteries after the 2013 incidents "are fully consistent with the recommendations made by the NTSB today."

"We therefore remain confident in the safety and integrity of the comprehensive battery solution which was developed by Boeing, and approved by the FAA, last year" when the airplane was allowed to fly again, the company said in a statement.

Because "airplane certification standards should and do evolve as the state of knowledge advances," Boeing said it would review the recommendations and supports "efforts to ensure that certification standards for lithium-ion batteries reflect and incorporate such advances."

Boeing's "green" passenger jet, the 787 Dreamliner, boasts of fuel-efficient design features and carries 210 to 330 passengers.

Source: 2014 AFP, Agence France-Presse (AFP)

Costs won't deter airlines from real-time tracking: ICAO

Major airlines fully support global real-time tracking of their planes following the disappearance of MH370 despite the additional cost, a senior United Nations aviation official said Monday.

Members of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) -- the UN's aviation agency - had agreed earlier this month to implement regulations on tracking commercial flights but did not offer a formal timeline.

ICAO air navigation director Nancy Graham said implementation would take "a little bit longer" once an International Air Travel Association (IATA) taskforce on in-flight tracking presents its finding in September.

"The airlines are absolutely in solidarity. There is no price you can put on safety or for the certainty of where the aircraft are," Graham told reporters at the sidelines of a dialogue on tracking technologies in Kuala Lumpur. "It's already begun. Many airlines today already do track (their planes). That's the voluntary path. At the same time we are looking at developing global standards to make that a rule."

IATA, the global aviation industry body, had said in April that tracking of passenger planes must improve as "we cannot let another aircraft simply vanish" after the Malaysia Airlines flight went missing on March 8.

ICAO has said there are off-the-shelf solutions costing under \$100,000 per plane while British satellite operator Inmarsat has offered a basic tracking service to all of the world's passenger airlines free-of-charge.

Graham also denied a lack of urgency in improving flight-tracking following the 2009 crash of Air France 447 in the Atlantic Ocean, saying it would not have prevented the MH370 disappearance.

"We put our energy and money into preventing accidents. Nothing we would have done would've prevented this," she said. The fate of MH370 has become one of the greatest mysteries in aviation history since it vanished 11 weeks ago during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

It is believed to have crashed in the Indian Ocean off western Australia. But despite a massive international search, no trace of the Boeing 777 has been found.

Australia, which is coordinating the hunt, has already committed up to \$84 million over two years towards the search.

Source: 2014 AFP, Agence France-Presse (AFP)

India PM-elect Modi to cut cabinet, become defence minister: reports

India's premier-elect Narendra Modi plans to slash 26 government positions and name himself as defence minister under a cabinet revamp set to be unveiled later Monday, reports said.

Modi's cabinet will number 45 including him, down from 71 in outgoing prime minister Manmohan Singh's scandal-tainted Congress-led coalition administration, the Press Trust of Indian news agency and NDTV channel reported.

Modi, whose Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won the first majority in 30 years earlier this month, was due to be sworn in Monday at a mega-ceremony to be attended by India's neighbours, including Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif.

"Team Modi" will have 23 full-rank cabinet ministers, down from Singh's 28, while the number of junior ministers known as ministers of state will be reduced to 22 from 43 in Singh's government, the reports said.

NDTV, the CNN-IBN news channel and the Hindustan Times newspaper said Modi would make himself defence minister, while the BJP's most senior woman leader Sushma Swaraj was widely tipped to be foreign minister.

Long-time Modi ally Arun Jaitley was seen as frontrunner for the vital finance portfolio as Indians look to the BJP to live up to promises to boost growth.

Early Monday, Modi confirmed rumours that he planned to slash the size of the cabinet in keeping with his campaign promises of "less government, more governance".

Some government departments would be "transformed into Organic Ministries for quicker pace of work & better coordination between departments," he tweeted.

"This is a step towards Smart Governance and will give us added strength to fulfil the aspirations of the people," he added.

BJP president Rajnath Singh was widely linked to the home ministry job.

Source: 2014 AFP, Agence France-Presse (AFP)

Pentagon to return control of properties to Europe

The Pentagon said Friday it plans to give back 21 European properties it makes little or no use of and said returning the sites would have no military consequence.

Relinquishing the "minor" properties -- including a golf course, a hotel, and a skeet range -- will save US taxpayers some \$60 million, the US Defense Department said in a statement.

The facilities' return to their host nations in Europe, "is part of a continued effort for US European Command (USEUCOM) to shed non-enduring and excess sites" from its real estate inventory, said Pentagon spokesman Rear Admiral John Kirby in a statement.

"None of these adjustments affects existing force structure or military capabilities, and the efficiencies will further enable US European Command to resource high priority missions," he said.

Officials said some of the sites are no longer needed, while others have been consolidated with other facilities.

Kirby added that the consolidation will not affect US or NATO military missions or deployments in the region.

"US dedication to our NATO security responsibilities is beyond doubt," he said.

The move will "simply ensure that we are best-positioned to fulfill those responsibilities given changing circumstances," he added.

The sites to be returned in Germany include a golf course and skeet range in Garmisch and a recreation center in Wiesbaden.

Other facilities the US will relinquish include a munitions storage facility at Karup Air Base, Denmark and a former NATO headquarters facility outside Naples, Italy.

Source: 2014 AFP, Agence France-Presse (AFP)