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The Netherlands: Participation in International Missions

The Dutch armed forces rarely carry out military operations independently, as they usually work in cooperation with the armed forces of other countries. Under this notion the Dutch armed forces take part in international missions with the scope of bringing stability to conflict areas. Nevertheless, it is worth mentioning that from 2014 the country will be taking part in only one international mission at a time. For this

purpose, (4) aircraft, (2) ships and (1) infantry battalion will be available for deployment.

An international mission in which The Netherlands participated is the ISAF mission in Afghanistan. Over the years the country supplied ISAF amongst others with a reinforced infantry company, the ISAF II headquarters, a marine battalion, a provincial reconstruction team, a fighter aircraft, transport- and attack helicopters, and the Task Force Uruzgan.

Furthermore, The Netherlands participated in Iraq by deploying a reinforced marine battalion, consisting of three infantry companies, and a combat service support company, in the province of Al-Muthanna in the British division sector.



The Netherlands also participated in international European missions, as on February 16th, 1996 in which the Dutch government undertook to deploy fifty (50) Royal Marechaussee police officials as part of the UNIPTF in Bosnia. The Dutch contribution to the UNIPTF rose to (52) personnel in 1997 and to (55) in February 1998.

Additionally, the Dutch armed forces also participated to IFOR and SFOR with a mechanized infantry battalion (approximately (850) military personnel), which was supported by a logistic battalion until December 1996.

Kyriazis Vasileios,

Epicos Newsletter Head Editor

Interview with Mr. Berry Braster, Director, Sales & Marketing of Etteplan | Tedopres



Mr. Berry Braster, Director, Sales & Marketing of Etteplan | Tedopres, gave an exclusive interview to Epicos, regarding the position of the company in the international and national markets.

Among others, he stated that: "Etteplan | Tedopres was established in 1974 and celebrates its 40 year anniversary in 2014. Tedopres was acquired by Etteplan in 2012, which employees 1800 people, of which 1400 engineers and 400 documentation specialists. We have 44 offices in various countries, including the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, USA and China".

1. *Could you please describe the current place of Etteplan | Tedopres in the national and international markets?*

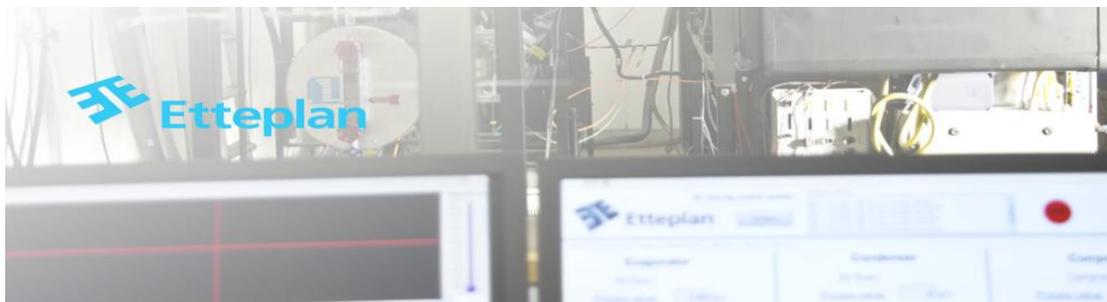
With close to 400 documentation specialists, Etteplan | Tedopres is the biggest service provider in the Benelux and are in the top 5 of Europe.

2. *Could you please briefly describe the history of the company?*

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3. *Could you please name the main customers of Etteplan | Tedopres?*

We have many customers representing various industries. For aerospace and defence our main customers include: Boeing, Gulfstream, Selex, Rolls-Royce, Honeywell and EADS.



4. Could you please describe the main services the company provides?

We support the efficient way for creation, management and publication of technical publications, including authoring, illustrating and translations. We offer both tools and services in various packages, including:

- Providing the resources
- Providing the tools and technologies
- Outsourcing the complete documentation process

5. What are the next steps and priorities of Etteplan | Tedopres?

Our services are geared to improve the competitiveness of our customers' products throughout the product life cycle. We aim to grow and expand our technical information business in the years to come including the geographical markets in Europe, US and Asia.

6. Is there a specific country or region Etteplan | Tedopres is planning to expand in the near future?

Yes, but we cannot expand on this. For strategic growth information, please visit our website at www.etteplan.com

For Further information please visit: <http://www.etteplan.com>

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 a ballistic protection system for re-locatable modular buildings

A company providing innovative solutions and services for temporary and permanent needs in terms of modular buildings, flooring and infrastructure, is interested in developing a ballistic protection system for its modular buildings. Applied throughout the world, the company’s proven products are fully re-locatable, environmentally friendly, time saving and cost effective. Based on its existing range of products, the company is seeking potential partners for the

development of a ballistic protection system which can be used/combined with its existing modular buildings.

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Development of a tethered aerostat system for surveillance and reconnaissance purposes

A company with core competencies in Intelligence Surveillance & Reconnaissance (ISR), offering related consultancy services and training programs, wants to extend its business line with the development of a tethered aerostat system for reconnaissance and surveillance purposes. The company is seeking potential partners for the development, enhancement and/or marketing of the system.

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Fokker signs agreement for F-35 wiring systems



GILZE-RIJEN AIR BASE, June 21, 2014 -- Fokker Elmo signed an agreement today at the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf) Public Days in Gilze-Rijen, for the delivery of Electrical Wiring & Interconnection Systems (EWIS) on Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. Under this agreement, Fokker Elmo will be responsible for

the engineering, manufacturing and production of the wiring for the next batch of aircraft in low rate initial production lot 8-11.

The agreement for this next batch of F-35 aircraft helps secure high technology work at Fokker Elmo in the Netherlands for 150 highly skilled specialists over the coming years. This agreement also reaffirms Fokker Elmo's position as a strategic supplier to the F-35 and involves employment in Woensdrecht.

The agreement was signed by Lockheed Martin's Stephen O'Bryan, vice president, F-35 program Integration of and Mr. Hans B uthker, CEO, Fokker Technologies. Royal Netherlands Air Force Commander-in-Chief, Lt. Gen. Sander Schnitger, and the Netherlands' Special Envoy for industrial participation, Maxime Verhagen also attended the ceremony.

Hans B uthker, CEO of Fokker Technologies said, "Since we have already delivered more than 125 electrical wiring interconnection and harness systems, it is encouraging to see that Fokker has once again been selected to deliver wiring harnesses and interconnection systems the next batch of LRIP 8 aircraft. We are proud to be a part of Lockheed Martin's tradition of aerospace leadership and innovation, and we are delighted to contribute to one of the largest and most technologically advanced aircraft programs in the world. With a total estimated production of more than 3,000 F-35 aircraft, this is a major opportunity for our company in the decades to come in terms of employment, knowledge and innovation."

Maxime Verhagen, the Netherlands' Special Envoy for industrial participation added, "After the final decision of the Dutch government to select the F-35, this is another important milestone following earlier successes of the Dutch industrial participation program. This work allows Fokker to have a unique position as a leader in the Dutch aerospace industry with its renowned knowledge infrastructure, and we anticipate many orders to follow in the future for Fokker and other Dutch aerospace companies and institutes."

Fokker has been a part of the F-35 program since 2002 and has designed, produced and delivered the wiring harness packages for all F-35 aircraft that are currently flying and in

production. Fokker also provides wiring harness packages to Airbus, Boeing and Bombardier for an extensive range of commercial and defense aircraft and aircraft engines. The Fokker Elmo proprietary wiring design and manufacturing system provides a unique and innovative toolset to support aircraft manufacturers worldwide.

For Further Information Visit: http://www.fokker.com/Fokker_signs_agreement_for%20F-35_wiring_systems

Boeing and Fokker partner to maintain rotorcraft for Dutch air force



Boeing has signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAF) to expand the existing support contract for the latter's AH-64 Apache and CH-47 Chinook helicopters. The agreement provides scope for collaboration in new areas such as engaging Dutch suppliers for maintenance, and repair and overhaul (MRO) work; and expanding the use of the Logistics Center Woensdrecht (LCW). LCW is a military logistics centre managed by the Netherlands Ministry of Defence. Royal Netherlands Air Force commander lieutenant general Alexander Schnitger said the agreement will help in increasing the availability of Apache and Chinook fleets while reducing their operating costs.

"This innovative way of cooperation with Boeing is a blueprint for future cooperation between the Royal Netherlands Air Force and other original equipment manufacturers," Schnitger said. Boeing Global Services & Support Rotorcraft Support vice-president Tim Sassenrath said, "Today's signing continues our successful innovative partnership that delivers top quality and affordable support to the Royal Netherlands Air Force, increasing performance and readiness."

The company has simultaneously signed an agreement with Fokker Technologies to work together on the MRO activities for Dutch rotorcraft and other customers. The agreements also enable Boeing to continue support for the Netherlands Maintenance Valley Initiative, a Dutch government effort to bolster the country's position as a regional hub for MRO activities.

Fokker Technologies CEO Hans Buthker said, "This program offers great potential for the future and seamlessly fits our strategic goals."

For Further Information Visit: http://www.airforce-technology.com/news/newsboeing-rnlaf-and-fokker-join-forces-for-dutch-rotorcraft-maintenance-project-4300549?utm_campaign=RSS&utm_source=Twitterfeed&utm_medium=Twitter



India to speed up defence procurement

India's new defence minister promised Tuesday to speed up the procurement of military equipment after a series of corruption scandals under the last government brought deals to a near standstill.

Following a meeting with top naval commanders in New Delhi, Arun Jaitley said the "slow pace of acquisition" was a matter of concern for his government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

"There are several decisions in the pipeline and I think there is a good case for these processes to be expedited," he said.

"The effort of the government would be to work in that direction," Jaitley, who is also the finance minister, told reporters.

Jaitley said that significant funds must be provided to "those in the defence of the country", hinting that a lack of resources would not stand in the way of acquisitions when he unveils his first budget next week.

India is one of the world's biggest arms importers but the collapse of a series of defence deals during the last decade of rule by the centre-left Congress party years has left the military short of key equipment.

In January, India cancelled a deal with the Italian-owned AgustaWestland to buy 12 luxury helicopters amid allegations the company paid bribes to win the 556-million-euro (\$753 million) contract.

India's military has grown increasingly frustrated at the state of its equipment as it looks to defend itself against an increasingly assertive China and from its arch rival Pakistan.

The navy in particular needs an urgent revamp, with barely a half of its fleet of 14 submarines operational at any one time because of regular repairs.

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

Ryanair appeals French fine for flouting labour laws

Irish budget airline Ryanair on Monday launched an appeal of a court ruling ordering it to pay nearly nine million euros (\$12.2 million) in damages and interest for breaching French labour laws.

No official from the company was present at the hearing in the southern city of Aix-en-Provence, near where the company operated a facility at Marignane.

A court in October ordered the damages and also fined the company 200,000 euros after ruling that Ryanair illegally gave locally based staff Irish contracts to save money on payroll and other taxes.

It also ruled that Ryanair had prevented workplace councils from functioning and hampered access to unions.

Social payroll charges in France are pegged at between 40-45 percent, against only 10.75 percent in Ireland, and the court accused the airline of creating a "situation of unfair competition".

If upheld on appeal, the damages will have to be paid to France's social security system, the state pension fund and unions representing airline workers, all of whom were plaintiffs in the action against Ryanair.

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

Air India joins global aviation alliance

Air India has joined the Star Alliance network of global airlines seven years after its first attempt, the Indian government announced Tuesday, in a major boost for the loss-making state-run carrier.

Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju told reporters in New Delhi that Air India would increase its revenue by about five percent by entering the alliance which includes Lufthansa, Singapore Airlines and Air Canada.

"It is a new beginning for Air India and we wish they fly higher than they have already flown," said Raju, according to the PTI news agency.

The deal is expected to be formalised next month and will give Air India access to the 26-member alliance's network, which covers more than 1,300 destinations.

The Star Alliance of global airlines shares a fleet of more than 4,000 aircraft serving an estimated 640 million passengers annually with over 22,000 daily flights.

Negotiations started in 2007 but hit a roadblock three years ago when Air India failed to meet the minimum joining requirements.

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

More than 400 US military drones lost in crashes: report

The United States has lost more than 400 military drones in major crashes worldwide since 2001, The Washington Post said Friday in a report questioning the safety and reliability of the unmanned aircraft.

Citing 50,000 pages of accident investigation reports, the Post said military drones have since the 9/11 attacks "malfunctioned in myriad ways," including mechanical breakdowns, human error and foul weather.

"Military drones have slammed into homes, farms, runways, highways, waterways and, in one case, an Air Force C-130 Hercules transport plane in midair," it said.

Of the 418 known crashes between September 11, 2001 and the end of 2013, the Post said it had identified 194 so-called Class A crashes that resulted in either the total loss of a drone or damages in excess of \$2 million.

The total figure is almost equal to the number of major crashes involving US Air Force fighter jets and attack planes during the same period -- even though the drones flew far fewer missions and hours.

Sixty-seven drone crashes occurred in Afghanistan, and 41 in Iraq, but 47 occurred within the United States during test and training flights, the Post said on its website.

One army drone crashed near an elementary school playground in Pennsylvania in April, while a Reaper belonging to the air force disappeared into Lake Ontario in upstate New York in November.

The hefty Predator -- arguably the best-known American military drone -- was involved in 102 Class A crashes, followed by the smaller Hunter and larger Reaper models with 26 and 22 losses respectively.

The Post's investigation comes as the Federal Aviation Administration drafts a set of regulations to govern an expected surge in the use of commercial drones in the coming years.

The United States owns about 10,000 drones, from the one-pound (0.5-kilogram) Wasp drone that combat troops can deploy in a firefight to the huge Global Hawk high-altitude reconnaissance platform.

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

Elbit Systems Awarded an Approximately \$20 Million Contract for the Supply of Upgraded APCs to the Philippines Armed Forces

Haifa, Israel, June 22, 2014 - Elbit Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: ESLT) ("Elbit Systems") announced today that it was awarded a contract, valued at approximately \$20 million, for the supply of upgraded armoured personnel carriers (APCs) to the Philippines Armed Forces. The upgrade will include 25 mm unmanned turrets, 12.7 mm remote controlled weapon stations (RCWS) and fire control systems (FCS) for 90 mm turrets. The APCs will be supplied over a one-year period.

The contract marks a significant breakthrough for Elbit Systems, as it is the first one awarded to the company in the Philippines.

Udi Vered, General Manager of Elbit Systems' Land and C4I commented: "We are very pleased to be awarded our first contract for the Philippines Armed Forces, which we hope will be followed by others. Our extensive portfolio and our vast experience enable us to offer our customers advanced solutions, answering the specific requirements of various combat vehicles, and this award further positions us as world leaders in the field of ground vehicle upgrades".

About Elbit Systems

Elbit Systems Ltd. is an international defense electronics company engaged in a wide range of programs throughout the world. The Company, which includes Elbit Systems and its subsidiaries, operates in the areas of aerospace, land and naval systems, command, control, communications, computers, intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance ("C4ISR"), unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS"), advanced electro-optics, electro-optic space systems, EW suites, signal intelligence ("SIGINT") systems, data links and communications systems and radios. The Company also focuses on the upgrading of existing military platforms, developing new technologies for defense, homeland security and commercial aviation applications and providing a range of support services, including training and simulation systems.

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