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France: Defence Budget

French President Mr. Francois Hollande announced the Defence spending will be increased over the 2016-2019 period by 3.9 billion Euros and France will permanently dedicate 7,000 soldiers to homeland security to counter the threat of terrorist attacks. According to the Projet de Loi de Programmation Militaire (LPM) 2014-2019,

French authorities were planning to cut the defence budget by 7%. Nevertheless, this announcement changes this trend as defence budget will increase by 4% reaching 32.7 billion Euros by 2019. Mr. Hollande's statement is the latest in a series of such statements as many countries in Europe have already announced their intention to increased defence spending.

Mr. Hollande stated that "I made this choice for France, for its protection, its security, and I know that if they want to have confidence in the future, the French must feel safe everywhere".

As it is already mentioned several European countries announced that they will increase defence spending, and Sweden is one of them. In March the Swedish left-wing government announced that it would raise its defence spending by SEK 6.2 billion (€677 million Euros, \$720 USD million). According to the official website of the Swedish Ministry of Defence the reasons for such an increase are the Russian annexation of Crimea, the armed conflict in Ukraine, the increased amount of exercises as well as intelligence activities in the Baltic Sea region, the Russian intrusive behavior, and the Swedish Armed Forces intelligence operation in the Stockholm archipelago. Additionally, the Swedish government stated that most of the funds to be spend between 2016 and 2020, would go towards modernizing ships that could detect and intercept submarines.

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French Defence Industry: Exports and Success Stories



French companies have already managed to establish themselves in the international arms market. French arms exports are rather diversified in its geographical structure and range of exported items. More than (70) countries imported defence equipment from France during the period 2010-2014. The first five (5) countries, based on the amount of funds allocated were: Morocco, China, UAE, Saudi Arabia and United States. One of the last “successes” of the French defence industry is the purchase of 24 Rafale aircraft from Qatar. Following on from the Mirage F1, the Alpha Jet and the Mirage 2000, the Rafale is set to extend the historic partnership between Qatar, France and Dassault Aviation.

Additionally, earlier in April the Japan Coast Guard (JCG) has selected the Falcon 2000 Maritime Surveillance Aircraft (MSA) proposed by Dassault Aviation to enhance its operational fleet. The Falcon 2000 MSA, based on a Falcon 2000 LXS (range 4000 NM), is designed for a broad range of missions including maritime surveillance, piracy control, drug interdiction, fishery patrol, law enforcement, search and rescue, intelligence and reconnaissance.

Furthermore, on April 10, 2015 India announced its intention to acquire 36 Rafale aircraft.

In February 2015, France signed two contracts with Egypt, one for the purchase of 24 Rafale fighter aircraft and one for the supply of a FREMM multi-mission frigate. The decision to buy the Rafale aircraft is actually a continuation of cooperation between Egypt and Dassault Aviation which dates back in the 1970s, and has seen the Mirage 5, the Alpha Jet and the Mirage 2000 fly in the colors of Egypt. Regarding the FREMM frigate, this will be delivered in mid-2015. The logistics and support services provided to the Egyptian Navy will then continue over several years.

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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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Customised actuators for best possible control of movement for new generation all terrain UGV (Unmanned Ground Vehicle) systems and unattended sensors



A company with extensive experience in designing and manufacturing precision actuators is proposing implementation of existing technology to new generation UGV systems and unattended sensors. The proposed solution includes the initial customised design of automatic actuators, motor, sensor control electronics, as well as field bus solutions for the UGV designs.

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Development of all-composite cab and/or vehicle body components for existing or future military ground vehicles



A leading company in the development and manufacturing of composite products for ballistic protection is proposing the development of a new all-composite cabin for future or existing wheeled and tracked military vehicles. In addition, or alternatively,

the company is proposing the incorporation of composite vehicle body components and parts in existing or future vehicle frames. Apart from weight reduction and the associated benefits (quicker response, less fuel required, potential for additional cargo etc), the incorporation of a composite vehicle superstructure will allow for the integration of other important features, like increased personnel protection.

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One Herc, Two Herc: Lockheed Martin Delivers Additional C-130Js



Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] recently delivered a KC-130J Super Hercules tanker and an HC-130J Combat King II personnel recovery tanker to the U.S. Marine Corps

and U.S. Air Force, respectively.

The KC-130J was delivered to the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 (VMGR-234) at Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas, and the HC-130J was delivered to the U.S. Air Force's 347th Rescue Group at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

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Teledyne Wins \$67.4 Million U.S. Army Task Order



Teledyne Technologies Incorporated (NYSE:TDY) today announced that its subsidiary, Teledyne Brown Engineering, Inc., was awarded the Target Execution, Asset and Material Development, Lethality Testing and Analysis (TEAM DELTA) Task Order with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) under the Test Execution Services and Launch Augmentation (TESTLA) contract.

Teledyne will provide test execution, lethality development and validation, analyses, flight and ground test data collection, live fire test and evaluation, and missile integration and flight testing for missile defense weapon systems. This task order under an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract has a value of up to \$67.4 million over a period of 36 to 48 months, depending on the exercise of contract options.

“For decades, Teledyne has been a leading provider of missile defense software, hardware in the loop simulation, and test and integration services,” said Robert Mehrabian, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Teledyne. “We are proud to bring our team’s test and evaluation expertise to the U.S. Government, and look forward to providing high technology solutions to meet our military’s current and future needs.”

The task order will support the Test Execution Support Division (TESD) within the Technical Center at USASMDC/ARSTRAT. The mission of TESP is to provide end-to-end flight test planning, design, development, integration, and test execution as well as flexible missile launch platforms and unique low-cost target solutions. In addition to the Technical Center, customers of TESP include the United States Navy, Air Force, and Marines, as well as other DOD organizations and NASA.

Teledyne Technologies is a leading provider of sophisticated instrumentation, digital imaging products and software, aerospace and defense electronics, and engineered systems. Teledyne Technologies’ operations are primarily located in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Western and Northern Europe. For more information, visit Teledyne Technologies’ website at www.teledyne.com.

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**CYBER INCIDENT RESPONSE 2015, 26-28 May**

Experience an Interactive Cyber Attack Exercise run by BT Security Enterprise: Attendees will be taken through a cyber-incident in a commercial enterprise by an industry thought leader – what impact can attackers have once they are inside the system?

Receive detailed, CPD accredited, training in the strategic management of the response to the breach: How you can step back from your day-to-day role and see the bigger picture?

Access tangible takeaways that you can action in your own enterprise: Take home a guide to dealing with a successful cyber attacks

Hear targeted case study presentations from end-users and thought-leading vendors on the various approaches to handling a successful cyber-attack – provide your own feedback and contribute to the debate

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MilSatCom Latin America 2015, 22-23 September

Now in its second successful year, MilSatCom Latin America 2015 is the only regional meeting place for military satellite communications specialists and all those responsible for optimising security and surveillance of national and air space and key domestic assets. Latin America has been a prominent region in advancing its SatCom Capability with countries such as Brazil, Chile and Mexico all either launching or planning to launch domestic satellite programs. This conference will feature high level military and government briefings from those directly responsible for advancing these satellite capabilities and after our 2014 event, where we had over 100 attendees, this September's event is set to only continue to attract the region's main SatCom protagonists.

- Keynote Briefings from senior officers from Brazil and surrounding Latin American nations;
- A unique focus on enhanced military capability through the development and implementation of SATCOM programs;

- Briefings on: payload optimisation, cyber security deterrents, overcoming satellite interference, real time data delivery to military operations, power enhancement and capacity increases and bandwidth maximization;
- High level panel discussions featuring technical managers and project engineers from military as well as industry;
- Focused discussion groups tackling key challenges facing SATCOM program managers in the region;
- SATCOM equipment exhibition showcasing the latest technology;
- Informal networking time factored in so you can gather insight from peers and colleagues also shaping and influencing regional helicopter programmes today.

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BALKAN DEFENSE EXPO 2015 - International Security and Defense Components Exhibition, 25–27 September

Parts & Accessories, Armoring components, robotics, technology and security solutions, defense manufacturers and contractors. PARTICIPANTS FROM 27 COUNTRIES.

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Expodefensa 2015, International Exhibition of Defence and Security, 30 November - 2 December

Expodefensa 2015 is an international exhibition of specialized nature and point of reference for Latin America in terms of technological development and innovation for Defense and Security Forces (in air, land and naval domains).

Presenting solutions:

- to create a space for interaction between both national and international Military and Police forces and their suppliers, which will present the latest and most innovative developments in the national and international Defense and Security industry;
- to present and strengthen technological development in the fields of Defense and Security, and Colombian and Regional military self-sufficiency;
- to be a place that allows clients and suppliers to make contacts and strengthen existing relationships;
- to position Colombia as a major player in this field, being the focus of large-scale cooperative projects that bring about the development of both the Defense and Security sector and national industry;
- to strengthen and increase the participation of national industry, especially of the Colombian SMEs (Small and Medium Size Enterprises), contributing to self-sufficiency and strategic independence.

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SMES 2015, 8-10 September

After two successful editions in 2009 and 2011, the Security Middle East Shows (SMES) returns in 2015. SMES has attracted several local, regional and global companies and received tremendous media attention for the significant role it had in developing the security and defense technological capabilities on a regional scale the Near East and Gulf regions.

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