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## Japan to Buy E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft



Japanese armed forces are in a process of modernization and restructuring. The number of units and the structure of them will be reorganized in order to shape an army ready to be able to respond swiftly and deal effectively with an attack on offshore islands and various other situations that an army can face in the modern battlefield. Under this concept the country is planning to purchase

four (4) E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft. More on this, the State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to Japan for E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft and associated equipment, parts and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$1.7 billion. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency delivered the required certification notifying Congress of this possible sale on 1st of June.

More specifically, the Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of four (4) E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft, ten (10) T56-A-427A engines (8 installed and 2 spares), eight (8) Multifunction Information Distribution System Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVT), four (4) APY-9 Radars, modifications, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, ferry services, aerial refueling support, U.S. Government and contractor logistics, engineering, and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$1.7 billion.

The principal contractor will be Northrop Grumman Corporation Aerospace Systems in Melbourne, Florida. The acquisition and integration of all systems will be managed by the U.S. Navy's Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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## Japan: International Peace Cooperation Missions



One of the major priorities of Japan is to create a stable regional security environment through the promotion of bilateral and multilateral defense cooperation. Under this notion, the country is proactively contributing to international peace cooperation activities

based on the International Peace Cooperation Law, the International Disaster Relief Law and other Special Measurement Laws. Until today, Japan has undertaken international peace cooperation duties such as UN Peacekeeping Operations (PKO), international disaster relief operations to respond to large-scale disasters overseas.

Among others Japan is contributing personnel to UN Peacekeeping operations. Traditional duties of the operations include Truce Monitoring and Disengagement Observation by peacekeeping forces (formed by each country's unit) as well as Truce Monitoring by Truce Observation Group (generally formed by unarmed military officers). With financial resources as well as human resources, Japan is cooperating with these UN-centered international community's efforts seeking peace and stability to offer support suitable for Japan's international status and responsibility.

Since 1996, Japan has participated in several international missions. Amongst others Japan dispatched a total of about 1,000 Self-Defense Force personnel to the Golan Heights to provide logistic support to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF). The country is also participating in the United Nations political mission in Nepal, which was established in January 2007. Japan dispatched (6) Self-Defense Forces personnel for monitoring and (5) including (2) officials for liaison, support, etc. in March 2007 for the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN). Finally, Japan participates in the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS).

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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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**Low power data acquisition system for UAVs**

A company designing, developing and supplying embedded computer hardware and software for civil and defence use is looking to expand its activities in the aerospace and defence sectors and in particular in the field of UAVs. The company has a long standing experience in developing advanced HW and SW products and equipment according to international A&D standards. In particular, the company has developed a low power data acquisition system for use in e.g. UAVs. This small, embedded control system can perform several tasks in the areas of health monitoring, data storage and auto pilot. It can automatically delete recorded data on its own (independent of software) in case of an aircraft crash, thus preventing the enemy from gathering sensitive information. In the context of this system, the company would be interested in expanding the use of its data acquisition capability, to new UAV platforms. The system could be adapted for a specific UAV upgrade program, or the development of a new UAV.

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**Provision of surface treatment and painting services for small and medium-size metal parts**

A company with significant experience in light sheet-iron works, surface treatment and painting is proposing to cooperate with a Prime contractor or lower tier company for the provision of surface treatment and painting services for small and medium-size metal parts that will be used in specific aerospace programs.

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### **Airbus Helicopters wins a full-service contract for the German Armed Forces' new H145M military rotorcraft**



The German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) have awarded Airbus Helicopters a full-service contract for the new H145M rotorcraft – which is to make its military debut with the German Air Force later this year. This seven-year

comprehensive co-operative support and services agreement will ensure optimal availability, reliability and readiness for the German Air Force's fleet of 15 H145M helicopters (previously designated the EC645 T2), which are to be used primarily in missions with the country's Special Forces Command (Kommando Spezialkräfte).

Airbus Helicopters' responsibility includes e.g. the management and implementation of maintenance and repair activities, material supply and airworthiness. The company will locate a dedicated team at the Laupheim Air Base in Baden-Württemberg, South Germany, creating a close cooperation with the Bundeswehr technicians who will support these helicopters during their missions around the world.

"We are committed to providing high-quality, comprehensive coverage in this first full-service contract for the new H145M," said Klaus Przemek, the Head of Airbus Helicopters' German Military Support Center. "It will build on our track record of successful support for the EC135s used to train its pilots at the German Army Aviation School in Bueckeburg, where the fleet's operational availability is at over 90 percent."

The twin-engine multi-role H145M is based on Airbus Helicopters' enhanced H145 civilian and parapublic rotorcraft (previously designated the EC145 T2). In its military version, depending on customer's configuration, the helicopter is suited to a wide range of military operations – including transportation, reconnaissance, search and rescue, fire support and evacuations of wounded personnel.

Airbus Helicopters completed the H145M's on-time certification process this month, enabling further military qualification this summer and the start-up of initial deliveries to the German Armed Forces before year-end as the initial customer for this rotorcraft version.

With a maximum take-off weight of 3.7 metric tons, the H145M can be outfitted with mission equipment that includes a pintle-mounted door gun and the ability to carry weapons on external stores; electro optical/infrared sensors with targeting capability; as well as military avionics for communications, navigation and flight management. A rope-down system is available for special operations, and overall survivability is enhanced by the H145M's ballistic protection, its self-sealing fuel tanks, and electronic warfare self-protection against missile threats.

The H145M benefits from the robustness, low operating costs and high operational availability of Airbus Helicopters' proven EC145/H145 family, with enhancements including

Turbomeca Arriel-2E engines with dual-channel full authority digital engine controls (FADEC), a Fenestron® shrouded tail rotor, along with upgraded main and tail rotor gearboxes. This rotorcraft's maximum gross take-off weight has been increased by 50 kg, while its outstanding hover performance – even in one-engine inoperative situations – is crucial for flight safety and mission success, especially during special operations and combat search & rescue duties.

#### About Airbus Helicopters

Airbus Helicopters is a division of Airbus Group. The company provides the most efficient civil and military helicopter solutions to its customers who serve, protect, save lives and safely carry passengers in highly demanding environments. Flying more than 3 million flight hours per year, the company's in-service fleet includes some 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in 152 countries. Airbus Helicopters employs more than 23,000 people worldwide and in 2014 generated revenues of 6.5 billion Euros. In line with the company's new identity, fully integrated into Airbus Group, Airbus Helicopters has renamed its product range replacing the former "EC" designation with an "H".

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### Australia Flies RAAF's First C-17 Equipped with Advanced Network Access



The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) flew its first Boeing built C-17A Globemaster III equipped with a new advanced satellite communication (SATCOM) and imagery display system, providing the flight crew and passengers with unprecedented situational awareness. Boeing installed the high-speed SATCOM system to support the RAAF's 'Plan Jericho,' an initiative to transform the Australian military into an integrated, networked force able to deliver air power in all operating environments. Boeing has been executing and supporting programs to network Australian defense forces for many years.

According to Group Captain Robert Chipman, director, Plan Jericho, the C-17 system allows personnel on the aircraft to receive live en route updates and video from their destination, such as enemy positions or disaster damaged areas, right up to the point of insertion. "The systems may also support other kinds of operations such as aeromedical evacuations by giving medical staff on board the ability to video conference with specialists on the ground," said Chipman.

Applications enabled by the antenna include video teleconferencing, instant messaging, e-mail, transfer of large graphics files, voice and radio over internet protocol and common operating picture capability. "A lot can change between the time a C-17 takes off and when it arrives at its destination," said Michael Pokorny, a Boeing C-17 project manager. "These upgrades allow the crew to send and receive mission-critical information as easily as if they were in an office."

The RAAF currently has six C-17s with an additional two aircraft on order.

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### **BAE SYSTEMS Applied Intelligence Launches Cloud-Based Cyber Security in Europe**

This expansion into the cloud of the company's security offering in Europe meets high customer demand for a wide and flexible portfolio of solutions - from on-premise services to cloud-based services and managed security services - to combat the ever-increasing cyber threat.

Most cyber-attacks start with an email message; the first set of cloud-based products to be introduced by BAE Systems will comprise BAE Systems' Email Protection Services (EPS) which provides comprehensive protection against even the most advanced threats.

The offerings include:

- Zero Day Prevention
- Insider Threat Prevention
- Email Data Loss Prevention (DLP)
- Email Encryption
- Email Anti-Virus and Anti-Spam
- Email Archiving
- Email Business Continuity

In the face of an ever evolving cyber threat and increasing budget pressures, companies are increasingly seeking better protection through advanced security platforms while requiring that costs be significantly reduced. The new services offered by BAE Systems meet this demand. They are offered entirely from the cloud, greatly reducing integration time and complexity, and eliminating the need for on-premises software and hardware. Customers will gain access to the technology they need more easily and more quickly in a way that suits them.

With 70-90% of malware being unique to any single organisation, the most difficult attacks to defend against are Zero Day attacks – attacks that are unknown or have not previously been seen and that, as a consequence, require advanced defence. Therefore, a core element of BAE Systems' EPS solution is Zero Day Prevention, which provides customers with the industry's most advanced protection from today's sophisticated threats. Most importantly, the technology is based on innovative and pioneering techniques which analyse the email in the cloud for malicious content and intent, before it reaches the recipient.

Additionally, one of the biggest risks to businesses is the threat of employees who accidentally or purposefully leak data. Most companies are woefully unprepared for this kind of problem, but BAE Systems makes it easy to find and investigate insider issues with its Insider Threat Prevention service, which forms part of the EPS product suite.



These cloud-based cyber security solutions leverage BAE Systems' expertise as a leader in risk analytics and cyber defence.

Dr Scott McVicar, General Manager, Commercial Solutions, EMEA, BAE Systems Applied Intelligence, said:

"Today we are introducing European companies to protection against the most sophisticated attacks in a way that is easy to buy, consume and manage, whilst being delivered within short timescales, on cloud-based infrastructure and with the inherent flexibility to scale up or down, as required."

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**Source:** Epicos, BAE Systems

### **Bombardier to Supply 40 Additional FLEXITY 2 Trams to Belgian Transport Agency De Lijn**

Rail technology leader Bombardier Transportation has won an order to supply 40 additional BOMBARDIER FLEXITY 2 trams to the Flemish transport operator De Lijn for the Belgian cities of Ghent and Antwerp. This order is an option included in an initial contract signed in September 2012 and is valued at approximately 97 million euro (\$107 million US). The order increases De Lijn's fleet of FLEXITY 2 trams from 48 to 88.

De Lijn announced their decision to order the additional trams at a public ceremony celebrating the official inauguration of new FLEXITY 2 trams in the city of Ghent on May 11. Not only will the new trams replace an aging fleet, but at nearly 43 meters long they can carry up to 40% more passengers than their predecessors. Passengers will also benefit from easy access and comfort as the low-floor vehicles are equipped with multi-purpose areas for those traveling with reduced mobility and storage space for bicycles and prams.

Roger Kesteloot, General Director, De Lijn, said, "We are happy to be able to provide these two Flemish cities with a much-needed capacity increase with this order. The initial reaction to "Albatros" – the name that our passengers chose for the FLEXITY 2 trams – in Ghent has been very positive. We are looking forward with anticipation to the deliveries of the 40 additional trams."

De Lijn and Bombardier have a long-standing partnership, not only for the supply of newly built trams, but also for structural revisions, refurbishment and crash repairs on De Lijn's existing fleet. Bombardier is also a partner in the EVTecLab field trial project where De Lijn will operate three electric buses equipped with BOMBARDIER PRIMOVE technology for inductive charging in the city of Bruges.

Ghent will receive 16 bi-directional, seven-module vehicles with a length of approximately 43 meters and able to accommodate up to 378 passengers. Antwerp will receive 24 mono-directional trams. Fourteen of these will be seven-module vehicles with a length of approximately 43 meter and a capacity for 380 passengers. This is in addition to another ten, five-module vehicles with a length of approximately 31 meters and a capacity of up to 266 passengers.

All trams are 2.3 meters wide and equipped with BOMBARDIER FLEXX Urban 3000 meter gauge bogies with conventional axles that deliver a smooth ride as well as reduce wear and tear on both wheels and tracks. The motorized bogies also feature full suspension motors and gearboxes to keep ground vibrations to a minimum. In addition, all vehicles are equipped with the BOMBARDIER MITRAC propulsion system and have heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems for drivers and passengers. The passenger HVAC system features improvements such as variable CO2 controlled fresh air flow to ensure an optimized climate for the passengers.

Worldwide, Bombardier now has more than 4,000 trams and light rail vehicles in successful revenue service, or on order.

#### About Bombardier Transportation

Bombardier Transportation, a global leader in rail technology, offers the broadest portfolio in the rail industry and delivers innovative products and services that set new standards in sustainable mobility. BOMBARDIER ECO4 technologies – built on the four cornerstones of energy, efficiency, economy, and ecology – conserve energy, protect the environment, and help to improve total train performance for operators and passengers. Bombardier Transportation is headquartered in Berlin, Germany, and has a very diverse customer base with products or services in more than 60 countries. It has an installed base of over 100,000 vehicles worldwide.

#### About Bombardier

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**Source:** Epicos, Bombardier

## Saab signs Remote Tower contract with the Irish Aviation Authority

Saab's Remote Tower solution is the world's first operational and approved system. The Remote Tower installation at Cork and Shannon will be operated from Dublin Remote Tower Centre and will be a part of the large scale evaluation carried out by SESAR, Single European Sky ATM Research. The Electronic Flight Strips will be installed in the towers at Cork, Shannon and Dublin Airport.

"Implementing Saab's Remote Tower and Electronic Flight Strips, Irish Aviation Authority takes air traffic control to a new level. Everyday more of our customers discover the benefits of increased capacity and efficiency from Saab's Tower Systems," says Anders Carp, head of Saab business unit Traffic Management.

"The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) is focused on the implementation of safe, leading-edge and cost-efficient technology for the benefit of our customers and we are very pleased to be involved in this SESAR High Level Demonstration activity during 2015/16. Remote Tower and EFS are cutting edge innovations which fit well with our company philosophy and will further increase the efficiency and safety of our Tower operations," says Peter Kearney, Director Operations and ATM Strategy at IAA.

Saab has pioneered the development of remote tower systems and technologies in cooperation with air traffic controllers and air navigation service providers. With this contract, Saab consolidates its position as the key remote tower provider in the world and the only company with the system in operation.

The Saab remote tower product suite includes high definition cameras and pan-tilt-zoom cameras, surveillance and meteorological sensors, microphones, signal light guns and other devices for deployment at the airport. Data from these sensors are sent to a Remote Tower Center (RTC) to be displayed in real time. A controller at the RTC has the tools, in addition to live video, to operate the airport in a similar manner as he or she would in a normal Air Traffic Control Tower.

Electronic Flight Strips (EFS) is a system showing onscreen information of the planned air traffic and replaces the traditional system with paper strips in air traffic control towers.

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**Source:** Epicos, Saab

### **AUSTAL Awarded Contract to Construct 70m Fast Crew Boat**

Austal Limited (Austal) is pleased to announce it has entered into a contract with Caspian Marine Services Limited of Azerbaijan to construct one 70 metre Fast Crew Boat.

The contract is valued at US\$34 million.

The 30 knot, 150 passenger catamaran shall be jointly built in Austal's Philippines and Henderson shipyards with delivery expected in Australia in Q3 CY2016.

Caspian Marine Services Limited operates a fleet of offshore marine support vessels, serving the offshore oil and gas exploration and production industry in the Caspian Sea region. The 70 metre Fast Crew Boat shall transport crew and cargo to offshore platforms, operated by the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR) and British Petroleum (BP).

Austal Chief Executive Officer Andrew Bellamy said the contract is another significant milestone in Austal's penetration into the offshore crew boat market.

"The award reinforces Austal's continuing leadership in high speed aluminium vessel construction and is a great opportunity to further mature the integration of our supply chain between our Philippines and Henderson operations," Mr Bellamy said.

The contract builds on the award of two 45 metre Crew Transfer Vessels for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), currently under construction in Austal's Philippines shipyard.

#### **About Austal**

Austal is a global defence prime contractor and a designer and manufacturer of defence and commercial ships. For more than 25 years Austal has been a leader in the design, construction and maintenance of revolutionary ships for Governments, Navies and Ferry operators around the world. More than 250 vessels have been delivered in that time.

#### **Ships**

Defence vessels designed and built by Austal include multi-mission combatants, such as the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) for the United States Navy and military high speed vessels for

transport and humanitarian relief, such as the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) for the United States Navy and High Speed Support Vessel (HSSV) for the Royal Navy of Oman.

Austal also designs, constructs, integrates and maintains an extensive range of patrol and auxiliary vessels for government agencies globally, including the Cape Class Patrol Boat Program for Australian Customs and Border Protection. Defence vessels are designed and constructed in Mobile, Alabama and in Henderson, Western Australia.

Austal has been at the forefront of the high speed ferry market since the early days of the industry. Our market leading designs of high performance aluminium vessels have long been at the heart of Austal's research and development. Today, commercial ship construction is centred on our shipyard in Balamban, Philippines.

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## New £51M Chinook Helicopter Simulators and Training System for RAF

The UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) is investing £51 million in a new synthetic training system developed by Lockheed Martin for the Royal Air Force's Chinook Mk6 helicopter.

Lockheed Martin will design and build a purpose built training facility at RAF Odiham in Hampshire, the home of the Chinook fleet, that will prepare pilots and crew for deployment on operations.

Virtual reality technologies and simulators will enable crews to experience a wide range of training scenarios ranging from sorties in urban locations to embarked maritime operations. The facility will also include classrooms where aircrews will be trained in the specific flying, emergency and mission capabilities of the Mk6 aircraft.

Lockheed Martin already plays a key role in training MoD pilots through its role in Ascent, which is delivering the UK Military Flight Training Service pipeline, and by 2018 Lockheed Martin will have an extensive training footprint across the UK's Military Aircrew fleet.

The 12-year contract to deliver synthetic training for the Chinook Mk6 crews will involve designing, building and managing the facility and introducing the training system. Approximately 12-16 employees from Lockheed Martin UK will also deliver a medium to long term support package to include maintenance and instruction at the RAF Odiham training facility.

Lockheed Martin UK Chief Executive Stephen Ball said: "This new, purpose built facility will use the very latest technology and simulators to replicate real-life operational scenarios and ensure RAF Chinook pilots and crew are trained to the highest standard. Lockheed Martin already has a proven track record in delivering effective training solutions to both civilian and military customers and we look forward to developing our relationship with RAF Odiham and the Chinook fleet."

"Our experience of providing flight training capabilities to the MoD translated to a strong understanding of the program's requirements, and we were confident we offer the best solution," said Jim Weitzel, vice president, Training Solutions for Lockheed Martin's Training and Logistics Solutions business. "We look forward to delivering a system that will help support the important role of the RAF's Chinook fleet, and to continuing to support flying training across the UK military."

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