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Sectra has started collaboration with Kongsberg Defence Communications

The Swedish IT and telecom company Sectra has started strategic collaboration with the Norwegian Company Kongsberg Defence Communications for worldwide sales and marketing of the eavesdrop-secure GSM-phone Tiger.

“We see a major potential for eavesdrop-secure mobile telephony. Our new partner, Kongsberg, is an extremely well-renowned company, with a large existing customer base among international defence customers,” says Per Unell, President of Sectra Communications AB.

Kongsberg Defence Communications provides secure mobile communications systems for military use and is part of Norway’s largest defense group, Kongsberg Group. The company’s communications and crypto products are supplied to army and air defense programs throughout the world. Kongsberg Gruppen is an international technology group, which is represented in more than 20 countries.

The Tiger system guarantees secure communications all the way from the transmitter to the receiver, for voice and data transmissions and SMS services. The telephone features integrated encryption and GSM technology, making it user-friendly. The Tiger system operates with a standard subscription in the public GSM network. Through connection of the fixed telenet, the telephone can be used in locations not reached by a GSM net.

The Tiger is currently available in three versions. More than 900 of the first version, which was developed for military applications in cooperation with experts within the Swedish Armed Forces, have been ordered by the Swedish Armed Forces. The second is a national Norwegian version, developed specially for the Norwegian Armed Forces and the rules applied within NATO. The third is an international commercial version aimed at companies and organizations as well as the police, customs and other government authorities. The commercial version is used today by many international companies and has also been ordered by the United State European Command, a US Defense Department unified command.

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Sectra's operations

Sectra has its roots in Linköping Technical University and is one of Sweden’s fastest growing high-tech companies in the IT area. Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of high-technology medical IT and telecommunications products. Today, the business includes products in medical systems, secure communication systems and wireless information systems. The secure communications business of Sectra is conducted in Sectra Communications AB, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sectra AB.

Business is conducted in six countries with a total of 170 employees. Sales for the fiscal year May 1999–April 2000 reached SEK 192 million. Since March 1999, Sectra’s shares have been quoted on the O list of the OM Stockholm Exchange.