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Saab Training Systems delivers digitised DFWES two months ahead of schedule to UK Ministry of Defence

Saab Training Systems, Huskvarna, Sweden will deliver a digitised DFWES (Direct Fire Weapon Effects Simulator) in time for the first digitised exercise on Salisbury Plain Training Area in May 2004.

The contract has included the update of previously delivered Saab BT 46 simulator systems to be compatible with the British Army new digital radio system BOWMAN. The radio system will provide secure tactical combat communications for UK land, air and littoral operations.

"Tactical Engagement Simulation (TES) training is one of the vital building blocks in the progression of training up to formation level. This training is dependent on a BOWMAN-compatible training environment and the delivery of a Digitised DFWES is one of the cornerstones in that training. The delivery has been made possible thanks to the excellent support of General Dynamics, the Defence Procurement Agency and various vehicle design authorities who contributed so much to this success," says Mats Eriksson, Business Director UK, Saab Training Systems.

The delivery features several improvements with respect to realism and also allows for future enhancements to DFWES for an improved training capability in an NEC environment.

Saab Training Systems develops, manufactures and markets advanced military training equipment, such as laser simulator systems, instrumented training systems and target equipment, and provides service and maintenance for training systems.

Saab is one of the world's leading high-technology companies, with its main operations focusing on defence, aviation and space. The group covers a broad spectrum of competence and capabilities in systems integration.

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