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Saab receives new order for system support for the Swedish Armed Forces

Saab has received a new significant order from the Swedish Armed Forces. Saab and the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration, FMV, recently signed an agreement regarding technical system support for operation and maintenance of military materiel systems. The agreement is worth up to 230 million SEK.

The order from FMV will be closer to 100 million SEK during 2007 with the option of extending through 2008 worth an additional 100 million SEK, should FMV choose to extend the contract. In addition, an option of 30 million SEK for ground materiel during 2007 is also included.

"This is a strategically important order for us. Partly because it is one of the larger orders we have received from the Swedish Armed Forces and partly because it is long-term. In addition, it falls within our core area and gives us the opportunity of not only continuing to develop our expertise but also paves the way for future support business", says Bo Petersson, Vice President of Saab Aerotech's Ground Support Services Division.

Saab Aerotech develops and provides technical system support in Linköping, Arboga, Växjö and Östersund. The new order covers, for example, ground equipment for military aviation systems as well as technical support for military communications systems and special vehicles.

"We are currently increasing the number of employees within these areas. The new order increases our operations within the wheeled vehicles and nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) protection sectors, which is important for our Östersund operations. We have employed more than ten new co-workers there since the beginning of the year" says Bo Petersson.

Saab Aerotech is also responsible for overall coordination the order within the Saab group; coordinating the services supplied by Saab Communication, Saab Systems and Combitech. The agreement further strengthens Saab Aerotech's role as the primary support provider within the Saab group.

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Saab has supplied technical system support to FMV, within a range of materiel areas, for a long time. The order from FMV can be viewed in the light of the Swedish military's recent position, where long term collaboration between government and industry, so called public private partnership (PPP), is becoming more important. Coordinating the orders and signing longer term agreements reduces the administrative work at both Saab and FMV, which means reduced costs and increased efficiency.

Saab Aerotech is Sweden's leading supplier of integrated support solutions. The range covers a wide selection of services and products for cost effective support for systems and platforms during the entire lifecycle. The company offers its capabilities and expertise globally to customers within defence, public security and civil aviation. Saab Aerotech is a business unit within the Saab group.

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