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Saab supplies support solution for the field hospital for Nordic Battle Group

Saab Aerotech is supplying a field hospital solution for the Swedish Armed Forces' led Nordic Battle Group. The agreement with the Swedish Defense Materiel Administration, FMV, covers supply and integration of equipment for a forward surgical team and dentistry unit as well as a complete support commitment.

"Saab Aerotech is contributing a central part of the infrastructure for Nordic Battle Group. We are tasked with supplying a complete Forward Surgical team and dental unit including equipment, integration and follow on support. The agreement is yet another example of our competence as a supplier of integrated infrastructure support solutions for both defence and civil security", says Bo Petersson Divisional Manager of Ground Support Services at Saab Aerotech.

The initial order from FMV is worth approximately 105 million SEK and also contains options for further systems and services. The equipment that will be used by the Swedish Armed Forces' reaction force NBG08 (Nordic Battle Group) consists of several different modules – for example, an operating unit, an intensive care unit and a casualty unit.

The modules are equipped with the same type of medical technical equipment that can be found in civilian healthcare facilities and can be adapted for different assignments. The design is such that everything can be customised depending on assignment and climate. In addition, the order also includes a complete support commitment covering storage and maintenance.

The Swedish Armed Forces' medical units will use the equipment in the field, for example during foreign postings.

"We are very pleased to be able to contribute our expertise to this, to build systems that will help save lives", says Bo Petersson.

The system will be delivered in mid December 2007. The project involves co-workers at Saab Aerotech's units in Östersund, Linköping, Arboga and Växjö.

"Many co-workers within Saab contributed to the project work that started last summer, and now Saab is taking over the baton from FMV to develop and deliver this key function to NBG08," says Bo Petersson.

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