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Saab wins a major international Battalion Combat Training Centre contract

The Royal Netherlands Army has awarded Saab Training Systems, Huskvarna Sweden, the contract for the first Mobile Battalion Combat Training Centre, with deliveries beginning in 2007. The value of the contract to Saab is 350 MSEK.

The Mobile Battalion system is a self sustained fully mobile Combat Training Centre (CTC). The CTC is a complete training centre comprising communication infrastructure, exercise control centre, simulators, maintenance and support, for training up to battalion level within the Brigade frame.

"It's an honour and a challenge for us as a company to develop 21st century training equipment with such a capable army as the Royal Netherlands Army. This order demonstrates the capacity of our modular system for training up to battalion level", says Johan Ohlson, president Saab Training Systems.

It provides a fully integrated and optimised solution, enabling all direct fire and area weapons to be simulated, controlled and monitored within the battlefield environment. The system is modular and can be used on any scale from individual gunnery training to battalion scale force-on-force tactical exercises. The Mobile Battalion system also includes the new simulation baseline for laser simulator interoperability between European armies.

The decision to award the contract to Saab follows the excellent performance of the Mobile Combat Training Centre (MCTC) which has been operational since 1 April 2003. The MCTC concept forms part of the education and training policy pursued by the Commander-in-chief, Royal Netherlands Army. The MCTC facilitates an effective and efficient progression in training level.

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

Saab serves the global market with world-leading products, services and solutions ranging from military defence to civil security. Saab has operations and employees on all continents and constantly develops, adopts and improves new technology to meet customers' changing needs.

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