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Swedish defence forces order RBS 23 BAMSE

The Swedish Defence Material Administration (FMV) has placed an order for series production of the Air Defence missile system BAMSE for the Swedish defence forces. The order was placed after a period of in-depth evaluations regarding the further development potential of the system to futuristic threats.

For the Swedish air defence forces this procurement will mean that they will have access to the very latest technology, and that it will now be possible to further develop both their operational capability and the expertise of the AD officers.

RBS 23 BAMSE is a highly modern system with exceptionally high performance, that has been verified by comprehensive and independent evaluations recently performed by the defence forces, FMV and FOA (Research Institute of the Swedish National Defence). This procurement also means that the Swedish strategically important capability to develop AD missile systems is ensured.

RBS 23 BAMSE will form the platform on which the development of future AD systems for all branches of the defence forces will be based:

"This order strengthen the position of Saab Bofors Dynamics as a centre of technological expertise, and as a long-term supplier of qualified missile systems to the Swedish defence forces", says Ingemar Andersson, President of SAAB Bofors Dynamics.

"Internationally, it will increase our credibility and attraction as a co-operation partner for national authorities and industries abroad."

An order for the development of RBS 23 BAMSE was placed with the then Bofors Missiles in May 1993, and series produced firing units and missiles will be delivered to the defence forces early in the year 2003. The system is particularly suited for service in emerging defence concepts such as RMA (Revolution in Military Affairs). Its capability to defend e.g., vital infrastructures against attack by cruise missiles is very high.

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