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SaabTech Electronic's countermeasures dispensers ordered for the EF 2000 Eurofighter

SaabTech Electronics, a business unit of Saab AB, has been awarded an order for Electronic Warfare equipment for the EF 2000 Eurofighter aircraft. An initial order for 300 BOL countermeasures dispensers, valued at MSEK 135 (£10-million), has been placed by Flight Refuelling Ltd, England, and may later be increased to 1200 units. Delivery is planned to start at the end of next year.

The EF2000 Eurofighter is being developed by a consortium of companies from the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain and Italy. "It is unique and very flattering that a company from a country outside the consortium should receive an order like this", says Kaj Gothlund, SaabTech Electronic's Marketing Manager for BOL in Britain.

BOL is a chaff and flare dispenser for aircraft self-protection currently used mainly against radar-directed gun or missile threats. The elongated dispenser houses a long stack of payload packs that are fed electromechanically towards the rear of the dispenser and released into the airstream to create large clouds of chaff or of an IR-radiating decoy source. BOL is currently in use with seven European air forces and the US Navy.

Saab is northern Europe's leading high technology company, mainly active in the defence, aviation and space industry, and offers advanced products and systems based on sophisticated information technology. The business areas within Saab are Infomatics, Aerospace, Dynamics, Technical Support and Services, Space and Aviation Services.

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