



## Saab wins Project of the Year Award in Australia

**Saab, along with BAE Systems and CEA Technologies has won the Major Company/DMO Project Team of the Year for the Anti-Ship Missile Defence project which implemented the most advanced model of the Saab 9LV combat management system.**

At the Australian Defence Magazine Congress in Canberra on 21 February, the Essington Lewis Trophy for the Major Company/DMO Project Team of the Year was awarded to the Anti-Ship Missile Defence project team made up of BAE Systems, Saab Technologies Australia and CEA Technologies.

Minister for Defence Materiel, Senator Kim Carr congratulated the winning teams. “These companies have demonstrated high levels of capability, cooperation and excellence in project management,” Senator Carr said. “The collaboration between government and industry on these projects is world-class.”

Currently visiting the Saab companies in Australia, Saab President and CEO Mr Håkan Buskhe said, “I am delighted to receive the excellent news of this award. From my observation of the company’s capabilities during this visit I am not surprised that they would be picked for this prize but I am extremely pleased all the same.”

The CEO of the Australian Defence Materiel Organisation added his congratulations saying that it reflected the on-going goodwill and collaboration between Defence and industry to equip and sustain the Australian Defence Force.

### Anti-Ship Missile Defence Project

The ASMD project was undertaken by the Australia Defence Materiel Organisation to upgrade the defensive capability of the Anzac class frigates to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century missile threats. A principal tenet of this upgrade was to enable the ship to detect, track and shoot down a multiple missile raid.

To address this challenge the DMO asked the Anzac Ship Integrated Materiel Support Program Alliance comprising the DMO, Saab Technologies Australia and BAE Systems to come up with a suitable design.

The favoured design was one incorporating a phased array radar, known as CEA-PAR, which was under development by the Australian company, CEA Technologies. The design also incorporated Infrared search and track sensors from Sagem (Safran Group).





To integrate the new sensors and advanced missile capabilities of the Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile, Saab developed an upgraded version of the 9LV combat management system already on all ships of the Anzac class. The upgraded version integrates all weapons, sensors, data links and countermeasures on the ship which are controlled and displayed on a fully-redesigned operations room.

The ship's combat system performance has exceeded expectations and it has been validated by radar trials and weapons firings at high fidelity targets in Australia and Hawaii.

The DMO recently announced that all ships of the Anzac class will receive the upgraded combat system.

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HMAS PERTH showing the CEA-PAR phased array radar and the upgraded Saab 9LV combat management system in the ship's operations room.

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