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Saab and Airbus sign contract for A400M

Saab AB and Airbus have today signed an agreement for the development and production of the crew entrance door for the A400M military transport aircraft. The contract value could be up to MSEK 400 considering the market potential and makes Saab a risk-sharing partner in the A400M program.

“We are proud that Airbus has chosen Saab Aerostructures to develop and produce the crew entrance door for the A400M. We look forward to take part in the A400M project as a partner. We have enjoyed good cooperation with Airbus for many years, and the fact that they have chosen us as a supplier in this project shows that they have great confidence in us,” says Pontus Kallén, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Saab Aerostructures.

Saab Aerostructures will be responsible for development, production, and support of the crew door for the A400M. The first unit will be delivered to Airbus in 2006.

180 A400M aircraft have been ordered to date by seven European nations. Airbus Military, the prime contractor for the A400M, foresees market potential for a further two to three hundred aircraft around the world.

Saab has been a supplier to Airbus since 1997. Projects have included developing and producing parts for the A320, A340–500/600 and the A380. The A400M and Airbus’s other products will be a cornerstone for Saab Aerostructures for many years to come.

Saab is one of the world’s leading high-technology companies, with its main operations focusing on defence, aviation and space. The group covers a broad spectrum of competence and capabilities in systems integration.

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