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## Major order for Saab Nyge Aero - collaboration with Bombardier Aerospace worth SEK 183 m.

**Saab Nyge Aero in Nyköping has won an order worth SEK 183 m. from Bombardier Aerospace in Canada. At its workshops in Nyköping, Saab Nyge Aero will rebuild and modify two Canadair CL-415 amphibious aircraft. The work will take three years to complete and the company expects to recruit about 20 personnel for this purpose. The order includes an option on a third aircraft and will create export opportunities for other parts of Sweden's high technology industry.**

"Apart from the contract itself, the order means that we are now established as a modification center for future orders from Bombardier Aerospace," says Björn Sundén, President of Saab Nyge Aero. It also means that we have a reference order in further marketing of our company as an international modification center for aircraft.

In its basic version, the CL-415 can scoop up about six tons of water from lakes and other large bodies of water for use in fighting forest fires. The order given to Saab Nyge Aero entails modifying the aircraft so that it can also be used in SAR (Search And Rescue), including maritime and environmental surveillance missions.

About 50 aircraft of the basic model are currently in use throughout the world.

"Bombardier has now received an initial order from a customer in the Mediterranean area for rebuilding two CL-415 aircraft, with an option on a third," says Björn Sundén.

### Order important for other industries

The order is also important for other parts of Sweden's high technology industry. Ericsson Microwave Systems is a major subcontractor of technology and equipment, and the Swedish Space Corporation sees a promising export potential for its maritime surveillance system.

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During summer 1995 and 1996, Sweden's Coastal Defense and the Swedish Rescue Services Agency tested the CL-415 for firefighting at various locations and found the aircraft well suited for Swedish conditions. The possibility for modification and conversion to a complete maritime rescue aircraft, including the capability to perform maritime and environmental surveillance missions, will probably be of considerable weight in a future decision on aircraft purchases within the scope of Government commissions to these organizations.

For Skavsta Airport outside Nyköping, which is one of the candidates as Sweden's next major airport, the strengthening of Saab Nyge Aero's personnel and know-how means enhanced competitiveness.

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