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Saab Signs Coastal Surveillance System Contract With Croatia

Defence and security company Saab will supply a coastal surveillance and border protection system to Croatia. The system has a strategic role to secure the maritime borders of Croatia and is scheduled to be operational by June 2016.

The coastal surveillance system will provide real-time information from state-of-the-art radar sensors, advanced long range and thermal closed circuit television cameras plus Automatic Identification System (AIS). The sensors are deployed at strategic sites along the coastline and will be connected to several control centres in one of the most advanced maritime monitoring systems operational in Europe. The system will be operated by the Croatian Ministry of Interior Border Police. It is an extension of Croatia's existing coastal surveillance system delivered by Saab in 2010 used by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure.

"The success of our maritime coastal surveillance and border protection systems continues. We are proud that Croatia continues to trust our systems, as shown by this extension of its capabilities with Saab. It is a testament to the effectiveness and reliability of the surveillance system that protects Croatia's borders," said Anders Carp, head of Saab business unit Traffic Management within Saab business area Electronic Defence Systems.

The system will detect, identify, track and monitor vessels at a distance of up to 100 km, while providing operators with an accurate maritime situational picture on a 24/7 basis. The system will help the Ministry of Interior to protect its sea borders from all threats and intruders.

Saab will cooperate with local company Končar - Engineering Co. for Plant Installation & Commissioning Inc., to perform the installations and be responsible for the communication infrastructure, local maintenance and support. In total, the project includes works at 40 different sites, some of them on remote islands only accessible by helicopter.

Saab's CoastWatch Coastal Surveillance Network is a maritime monitoring and control system, designed for multiple applications. It combines modern technology with years of experience in sensor data fusion, advanced signal processing and real-time distributed surveillance. More than 30 of these systems are operational, including the largest AIS network in the world.

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