
Finmeccanica: contract in Germany for SELEX Sistemi Integrati air defence systems

Finmeccanica reaches a relevant step in Germany through its company SELEX Sistemi Integrati, which signed a contract with the Bundesamt für Wehrtechnik und Beschaffung (BWB), the Procurement department of the Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany, to supply two Long Range 3D air surveillance Mobile Radars (RAT 31 DL/M) for the German Air Force.

The contract has been totally financed by German national funds and the supply is expected to be completed by 2007. SELEX Sistemi Integrati has been selected among highly qualified world-wide competitors.

The RAT 31 DL/M Radar systems ordered by the BWB are the first of this model ever sold to a NATO country, totally responding to the latest ACCS (Allied Command & Control Systems) criteria and standards.

RAT 31 DL/M Radar systems are based on the technology used for the RAT 31 DL/FADR (Fixed Air Defence Radar) systems, in service or on delivery to a large number of NATO/European and extra European countries, both in fixed or transportable configuration. The compact D-band RAT 31 DL/M Radar system derives from successful RAT 31 DL, a NATO standard, already selected by eight countries. The current production of these systems carries the highest maturity and technological level.

The RAT 31 DL/M Radar systems, consisting of a foldable antenna and a shelter, both in two ISO 20 ft packages, can be transported in one A400M type aircraft as well as on truck and rail. This configuration allows for a high degree of mobility and fast deployment/re-deployment of the system, which is carried out autonomously, without external cranes or other on-site technical support, also on unprepared sites.