

Finmeccanica: SELEX Sistemi Integrati wins EUR 30 million contract to supply a maritime border surveillance system to Poland

Finmeccanica group company SELEX Sistemi Integrati has been chosen to build an automated radar surveillance system (ZSRN) for Poland's coastal waters.

The contract is worth around EUR 30 million, and will see SELEX Sistemi Integrati act as representative of a temporary consortium formed together with a number of local companies.

Poland has a maritime border stretching for around 534 km, and has launched the programme to protect its waters in compliance with local laws and international commitments. The new system will be used by Polish border police, but the information gathered will also be passed on to other institutions such as the navy where appropriate.

By the end of 2006 Poland will have an integrated network comprising radar sites (electro-optics systems and air and coastal surveillance radar), two national control centres (one of which will provide back-up and training) and a number of regional centres. The new systems are to be integrated with those currently in operation, and SELEX will also provide surveillance and rapid response transport.

SELEX Sistemi Integrati's Chief Executive, Marina Grossi, stated: "SELEX Sistemi Integrati has a long track record of operations in the coastal and territorial defence sector. This contract shows that our expertise in developing and integrating systems to support the various institutions in defending their borders is now being recognised even at international level".

SELEX Sistemi Integrati is a leading player in the manufacture of systems for national security: border surveillance involves protecting borders by detecting, locating, identifying and tracking "objects" that represent a potential threat to a country.

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SELEX Sistemi Integrati, part of the Finmeccanica group, is world leader in the manufacture of systems and sensors for defence, the civil sector, and air traffic control and management.

The company operates in the sectors of homeland protection, air defence, C4I for use in the field, naval mission systems and air traffic control and management systems. It has enormous expertise in systems integration, simulation, engineering, software design and manufacturing, and also provides total customer support solutions.

SELEX Sistemi Integrati's systems are used in more than 100 countries, and the company employs about 3,000 staff, most of whom are involved in technology design and development. Its main production facilities are located in Italy, Germany, the UK and the US.

Finmeccanica is Italy's leading high-tech company, operating in the design and manufacture of helicopters, aerostructures, satellites, space infrastructure, missiles and defence electronics. It plays a leading role in the European aerospace and defence industry, and participates in some of the biggest international programmes in the sector through well-established alliances with European and American partners. Finmeccanica also boasts significant manufacturing assets and skills in the transport, energy and IT sectors. The group is listed on the Milan stock exchange, and operates in Italy and abroad through 16 companies and 6 joint ventures. It employs around 51,000 staff in total. As part of its drive to maintain and build on its technological expertise, Finmeccanica spends the equivalent of over 16% of its revenues on research and development.