

PRESS RELEASE
GÖKTÜRK RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE SATELLITE PROJECT
CONTRACT SIGNATURE

UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRIES (SSM)
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As per the tender of the Contract on December 18, 2008, the contract negotiations of GÖKTÜRK Reconnaissance and Surveillance Satellite Project with TELESPIAZIO, a Finmeccanica/Thales Company, has been finalized. GÖKTÜRK Contract was signed between Undersecretariat For Defence Industries (SSM) and TELESPIAZIO on July 16, 2009.

GÖKTÜRK Project is executed in order to meet the image acquisition need of Turkish Armed Forces for military intelligence in any region of the world without any geographic restriction. In the scope of the Project,

- 1 (one) very high resolution Electro-Optical (EO) Reconnaissance and Surveillance Satellite will be procured.
- 1 (one) dedicated Fixed Ground Station (Ankara) and 1 (one) Mobile Ground Station (GS) will be established.
- Assembly Integration and Test (AIT) Facility will be established at TAI A.Ş. premises with contribution of TÜRKİSAT A.Ş.

GÖKTÜRK Project is a very important milestone for Turkish Air Forces and Defence Industry in that:

- Turkey will possess a very high resolution Electro-Optical (EO) Reconnaissance and Surveillance Satellite that will serve both military and civil purposes.
- AIT Facility will ensure the assembly, integration and tests of Reconnaissance and Surveillance, Communication, Early-warning and Research Satellites up to 5 tons. Capability of simultaneous assembly, integration and test of three satellites will be gained. The tests of GÖKTÜRK-1 and GÖKTÜRK-2 Satellites will be conducted in this Facility.
- 1 (one) dedicated Fixed Ground Station (Ankara) and 1 (one) Mobile Ground Station (GS) will be established to serve for command, control, task, and image download, processing and exploitation operations of all Reconnaissance and Surveillance Satellite Systems.
- Local content ratio that is higher than 20 %, and offset ratio that is around 150% will be achieved.
- TAI A.Ş., ASELSAN A.Ş., TÜBİTAK-UEKAE and ROKETSAN A.Ş will take responsibility as sub-contractors within GÖKTÜRK Project. The participation of Turkish Defence Industry in this project will be in the following areas:
 - Development of national crypto,
 - Software and hardware of Ground Station,
 - Construction of AIT Facility and procurement of equipments,
 - Participation to mechanical design and production of satellite,
 - Direct Participation to design and production activities.
- By commercialization of the images acquired, the return of the investment will be enhanced and fund will be supplied for other satellite projects.
- Infrastructure, know-how and human resources for satellite design, integration and test will be established.
- The images acquired by GÖKTÜRK Satellite will be used in Transportation, Forestry and Environment, Disaster Management, Production of Data for Geographical Maps, Survey and Cadastre, and Monitoring of natural resources.