

Secure Land Communications

### **Belgian Defence trusts in Airbus high-tech equipment**

Powerful deployable radio solutions improve flexible and secure communications in critical situations - in Belgium and abroad

2 August 2017, Elancourt – Airbus will provide its newest generation of deployable radio solutions to the Ministry of Defence in Belgium. These highly powerful and flexible Tetra communication systems will be equipped with the new generation of Tetra Taira servers. Taira benefits from virtualised Tetra server functions that ensure the same services as standard Airbus DXT switches. Moreover, the system also incorporates the latest release of the Airbus pico base station, a very small base station that covers tiny areas.

Consequently, Belgian Defence will be able to use these highly compact radio solutions for any kind of mission in the country or abroad. Airbus will start delivering the systems in the first two quarters of 2018.

Knowing that Tetra Professional Mobile Radio is highly reliable, Belgian Defence ordered these deployable solutions, because they are fully interoperable with Belgium's emergency and security services radio network ASTRID. ASTRID is based on Airbus Tetra technology.

"The Airbus Taira technology allows easier handling, and its users will be able to quickly set up system management tools and interfaces under time pressure," explains Olivier Koczan, Head of Secure Land Communications at Airbus.

The deployable radio solutions comprise terminals, accessories and tools. The agreement between the Armed Forces in Belgium and Airbus also includes a lifelong maintenance contract.

#### **Airbus**

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2016, it generated revenues of €67 billion and employed a workforce of around 134,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as Europe's number one space enterprise and the world's second largest space business. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

#### **Secure Land Communications ([www.securelandcommunications.com](http://www.securelandcommunications.com))**

Secure Land Communications (SLC), a business unit of Airbus, develops, installs and maintains professional and land mobile radio (PMR/LMR) networks based on Tetra, Tetrapol and P25 technologies and offers a wide range of radio solutions and devices for customers worldwide. The portfolio also encompasses mission-critical broadband solutions based on 3GPP standards and emergency response centres (911/112). SLC is a leader in PMR, with more than 280 radio networks in over 74 countries, and the US leader for 911 response centres with the VESTA 911 call handling solution serving more than 60% of the market. SLC employs nearly 1,700 people in 19 countries.

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