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Galileo Avionica & Robonic sign MOU to rail launch Falco

Galileo Avionica and Robonic today announced the signing of an MOU to carryout a study and develop required means to rail launch the Galileo Avionica's Falco tactical unmanned air vehicle off the Robonic MC2555LLR.

The study will include the design of the air vehicle specific adapter for Falco and the related tests which will include a series of a demonstrative (mass and centre point of gravity) test mass launches that will be instrumented and evaluated. It is also the intent to launch the Falco at the end of the evaluation process.

On the signing of the MOU, Renzo Meschini, Galileo Avionica's CEO and General Manager commented:" We are currently working to complete the Falco capabilities. The Robonic pneumatic catapult launcher will allow our UAV Falco to operate also from naval platforms for maritime operations".

Juha Moisio, Managing Director of Robonic Ltd of Finland hailed the opportunity to work alongside Galileo Avionica, "We are exited to gain the trust of Galileo Avionica and to be asked to work along side the Falco team to launch the air vehicle off the Robonic MC2555LLR".

Moisio continued to say that "the ongoing success of our launchers in the marketplace validates our long term focus on development of launcher technologies that reflect the increasing marketplace demand for more flexible tactical UAV systems. Robonic systems are now recognised as the benchmark for catapult launcher technology internationally and our ongoing research and development efforts will continue to provide new mission flexibility for the UAV community as a whole".

Information on the companies:

Galileo Avionica, a Finmeccanica company, is the Italian avionics leader. It focuses on the design, development and production of avionics and electro-optical equipment, airborne radar and precision approach radars, UAVs and Simulators, space equipment for platform and payloads. Galileo Avionica offers systems integration capabilities and know-how and participates as prime or partner in all European military co-operative programs (Eurofighter, NH-90, EH-101). In 2005 Galileo Avionica has registered revenues of Euros 574 million.

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Robonic Ltd Oy of Tampere, Finland, is an independent engineering company with a twenty year track record of pneumatic UAV launching technology. It has previously delivered launchers to the Dutch Armed Forces for target purposes and to the Finnish Defence Forces for both reconnaissance and target purposes. It has supplied also other UAV manufacturers and systems integrators.

Robonic launcher systems see use both with propeller and jet engine high-performance target UAVs. Modular designs cover all the main applications, including trailer- and truck- mounted, semi-mobile and fully stationary concepts.

Robonic also provides launch related consulting to UAV manufacturers.

Robonic MC2555LLR launchers are designed to launch UAVs with launch weights from 20kg to 500kg, and up to a maximum launching power of 8,500kW.

Robonic Ltd Oy operates a UAV Test Flight Centre (RATUFC) at Kemijärvi, Finland, with access to a total of 11.000m² of airspace. Robonic provides an added expertise of cold climate know-how. The first flights took place in June of 2006.

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