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## **Robonic to provide EADS-Dornier with pneumatic UAV-launchers**

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Robonic Ltd Oy of Tampere has signed a contract with EADS-Dornier to provide it with two pneumatic UAV-launchers. The launchers will be used to launch target drones to enable soldiers to practice in true-like conditions and will make manoeuvres extremely authentic. The parties have not disclosed the exact price of the catapults.

EADS-Dornier has chosen the Robonic launchers as the common launcher solution for the services and systems it provides. The launchers it has procured represent Robonic's third generation launchers. Robonic is at the moment producing a catapult for the Finnish Army for reconnaissance use. Robonic's launchers are available in various sizes to correspond with the launch requirement.

Managing director Juha Moisio of Robonic Ltd Oy says that the signed contract represents a further step in the export market and shows that the company's solutions are trusted.

### **Operational in harsh conditions**

With the growing demands on the launchers the pneumatic Robonic launchers are becoming the alternative to such launch methods as rocket assisted take-off solutions or bungee launchers. The main benefits of the Finnish launcher are its reliability, operability in various climatic conditions, cost effectiveness as well as it being environmentally friendly. The pneumatic launch solution does not emit noise or pollutants.

The launcher can be used to launch reconnaissance or target UAV's. These targets can range from 40 to 1000 kilos – this naturally is reflected also in the size of the catapult. The targets can simulate various types of aircraft, helicopters and even missiles. They bring a totally new dimension to land or sea based live firing exercises.

The Robonic launcher allows for independent operations and thus for rapid deployment. It is extremely reliable also in harsh conditions such as cold, says Juha Moisio, managing director of Robonic Ltd.

### **Information to editors:**

**Robonic Ltd Oy** is a Tampere, Finland based independent engineering company, focused on pneumatic UAV launching technology. Robonic has a twenty year track record in the design and manufacturing of pneumatic catapults. Robonic provides a complete product range for various UAV types, weights starting from 100kg up to 1,000kg, and for the maximum launching power of 8,500kW accordingly.

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Robonic launcher system have been tested both with propelled and jet engine high performance target UAV's. Modular design covers all the main applications including trailer and truck mounted, semi-mobile and fully stationary concepts.

Robonic has previously provided its second generation launchers to the Dutch and Finnish Defence Forces.

**Dornier GmbH** is a corporate unit of EADS. EADS is the second largest aerospace and defence company in the world with revenues of €29.9 billion in the year 2002 and a workforce of more than 100,000. It is a systems integrator and as such is one of the few companies worldwide capable of combining various products and technologies to form complete systems and offering the associated services. The EADS Group includes the aircraft manufacturer Airbus, the world's largest helicopter supplier Eurocopter and the joint venture MBDA, the second largest missile producer in the global market.

**The target activities of Dornier GmbH include the development and production of drones such as Do- DT25, Do- DT35 in single and twin jet engine configuration as well as the tow target family Do- SK6 and radar miss distance indicators.**

Picture material is available upon request.

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