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Robonic delivers new drone catapult to Cassidian

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Robonic Ltd Oy (a subsidiary of Sagem, Safran group) has delivered its eighth Robonic Kontio (type MC2555LLR) pneumatic launcher to Cassidian, an EADS company, to be used to expand the company's on-going target drone services globally.

"This delivery of the eighth launcher to Cassidian is very important to Robonic as a follow-on delivery in series of deliveries that started seven years ago. We have an extended history of supporting the DT family of systems and will be optimizing this new pneumatic launcher to facilitate enhanced DT-drone presentations in parallel to retaining a fully flexible operational capability for Cassidian's targets", says Robonic managing director Juha Moisio.

"One of the most significant features in our launcher is its large speed and mass envelope, with this readily adaptable in field conditions to enable swapping between target types" says Moisio. This was confirmed earlier in the year when Robonic demonstrated that the Kontio launcher can launch air vehicles of up to 110 kg mass with a 70 m/s exit velocity.

"Furthermore, the system has also been designed for rapid deployment and rapid reload. One of the design criteria was that the launcher would fit into a 20 foot sea container and that it is air transportable", continues Juha Moisio.

Earlier this year Robonic delivered a launcher to AME UAS of San Luis Obispo, California. This delivery was the first of Robonic launchers into the TUAV market in the US.

Robonic Ltd Oy, based in Tampere, Finland, is a Sagem (Safran group) owned engineering company that operates as the premier unmanned air system launcher manufacturer in Europe. Robonic's track record of pneumatic launching technology spans over three decades. The company also operates a dedicated unmanned air vehicle flight test centre in Lapland at Kemijarvi, Finland.

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