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Robonic delivers new drone catapults to the US

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Robonic Ltd Oy (a subsidiary of Sagem, Safran group) has delivered a second Robonic MC2555LLR pneumatic launcher to EADS North America to be used to expand ongoing target drone services for the United States Army.

The end user is the U.S. Army's Targets Management Office (TMO), part of the Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI).

EADS North America is a subcontractor to Applied Geo Technologies Inc, under contract to the TMO to provide and coordinate target drone services. Task orders under that master contract include ongoing presentation services using EADS' DT-35 target drones and a single Robonic MC2555LLR launcher system.

"This follow-on delivery to EADS North America is an important milestone. We have an extended history of supporting the EADS DT family of systems and will be optimising this new pneumatic launcher to facilitate enhanced DT-35 presentations in parallel to retaining a fully flexible operational capability for the end user. Existing launch operations for the TMO have repeatedly demonstrated the outstanding reliability, durability, responsiveness and tailorability of the Robonic launcher solution," says Robonic managing director Juha Moisio.

Earlier this year Robonic delivered two launchers to the Finnish Defence Forces. That delivery consolidated their entire unmanned air systems launch capability, covering both unmanned aircraft and target drones, on Robonic hardware.

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.

More information: www.robonic.fi

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