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M-DLP gains role in NATO Theatre Ballistic Missile Defence programme

Elsag Datamat, a Finmeccanica company, announced the award of a new contract to supply Multi-Data Link Processors (M-DLP) to TRS-Thales Raytheon Systems, in the framework of the NATO ALTBMD (Active Layered Theatre Ballistic Missile Defence) programme launched in 2006 under SAIC leadership.

Elsag Datamat's role in this programme has also been enhanced with the increased involvement of company personnel in ALTBMD team activities, worth a total of more than Euro 2 million.

The Multi-Data Link Processor has been selected as the most suitable solution for JREAP tactical data integration in the ALTBMD programme, following a detailed evaluation process addressing both technical and economical aspects, conducted at Elsag Datamat's Rome site in early 2009 by an Evaluation Team lead by the ALTBMD PO Programme Manager and with Italian MoD representatives in attendance.

This result confirms the supremacy of the M-DLP system as the best solution for total tactical interoperability among data links, as well as for building the optimal common tactical picture as required by today's net-centric scenarios; in fact, M-DLP is unsurpassed in terms of the variety of protocols and contexts it can support and integrate.

The NATO contract award to Elsag Datamat paves the way to broader international adoption of the M-DLP, which is already the leading solution deployed by Italian Defence forces. The M-DLP is used by the Italian Navy for the Cavour Carrier Vessel and FREMM class Frigates, as well as by the Italian Air Force for Radar Control and Report sites.