Lockheed Martin's LANTIRN Extended Range Pod Selected By The Royal Denmark Air Force

Lockheed Martin was awarded a $20 million contract by the Royal Denmark Air Force (RDAF) for LANTIRN(TM) Extended Range (ER) targeting pods.

The direct commercial sales contract is for three new LANTIRN ER pods and upgrades to the RDAF's 13 existing LANTIRN pods. The contract includes organizational-level spares, maintenance training and pilot familiarization training.

"LANTIRN ER will enable the RDAF to deliver weapons with greater accuracy, enhance target identification and release weapons from maximum ranges," said Jim Garrison, LANTIRN ER program manager at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "The system delivers consistently excellent performance during air- to-ground, air-to-air or air-to-sea missions, during day or night, in virtually any weather."

The 26-month contract continues Lockheed Martin's eight-year partnership with the RDAF and helps meet its defining moments with added mission effectiveness and pilot safety. LANTIRN ER provides a leap-ahead technology and capability that will help RDAF aircrews identify targets at long distances, take advantage of the increased range of weapons and limit collateral damage.

The LANTIRN ER targeting pod features a third-generation mid-wave forward- looking infrared (FLIR), an infrared pointer, an inertial measurement unit and extended range software. The RDAF targeting pods were upgraded in a previous contract to include a CCD TV, 40,000-ft. laser and a laser spot tracker. More than a performance upgrade, LANTIRN ER simplifies the original pod design and eliminates many parts to increase reliability and reduce operation and support costs.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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