

## **Saab's New Protection System for Civilian Aircraft Successfully Demonstrated**

Saab Avitronics, Chemring Countermeasures and Naturelink Aviation have joined forces on a roadmap to provide civilian aircraft with self-protection systems to enhance the safety of passengers, cargo and flying personnel. On March 14 the system was successfully demonstrated at Overberg Testing Range in South Africa.

"This demonstration is an important milestone in our Civil Aircraft Missile Protection System (CAMPS) program. The system is designed to be an integral part of the aircraft to effectively counter the Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPADS) threat against civilian airline, transport and VIP aircraft," says Björn Erman, President of Saab Avitronics.

The demonstration took place at Overberg Testing Range (OTB) in Bredasdorp near Cape Town in South Africa. Naturelink Aviation provided the aircraft (Embraer 120), Saab Avitronics the self protection system and Chemring Countermeasures the decoys. The installed system comprised CAMPS and, as a reference, also Saab Avitronics military dispensing equipment. Based on successful trials the system can potentially be operational on Naturelink platforms by the middle of 2008.

CAMPS is a new self-protection system developed by Saab Avitronics. The focus of CAMPS is to meet the requirements for civilian, VIP as well as Special Mission aircraft. This includes system safety, costs and operational aspects of this type of system which are more pronounced than for the military environment.

CAMPS consists of the MAW 300 Ultra Violet based Missile Approach Warner, a central electronic unit and the BOA dispensers. BOA is an electromechanical dispenser designed to dispense a new, non pyrotechnical type of IR decoy developed by Chemring Countermeasures which overcomes all the safety issues associated with pyrotechnical decoys.

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