



PRESS RELEASE

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TAURUS SYSTEMS GMBH HANDS OVER TAURUS KEPD 350K TO SOUTH KOREA

Today, TAURUS Systems GmbH, a joint venture of MBDA Deutschland GmbH (67 %) and SAAB Dynamics AB (33 %), handed over the first lot of TAURUS KEPD 350K stand-off missiles to the Republic of Korea Air Force (RoKAF). The ceremony, which saw the participation of representatives from the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) and the RoKAF, was performed at the headquarters of TAURUS Systems GmbH in Schrobenhausen, Bavaria, and marked the start of series deliveries.

The TAURUS KEPD 350K programme is progressing according to plan and the integration to the Korean Air Force F-15K fighter aircraft is in the final stages. TAURUS weapon system will provide RoKAF with the most advanced stand-off and deep strike capability currently available on the world market.

TAURUS KEPD 350K is an enhanced and upgraded version of the TAURUS KEPD 350 missile, which has been in service with the German Air Force since 2005 and with the Spanish Air Force since 2009.

The TAURUS KEPD 350K is a modular stand-off missile system for precision strikes. The KEPD 350K missile has been designed and developed to fly through dense air defenses at a very low terrain-following level and for the engagement of high-value targets. The missile contains a highly effective dual stage warhead system, which combines excellent penetration capabilities for hard and deeply buried targets with blast-and-fragmentation capabilities against point and area targets.



Note to editors:

TAURUS Systems GmbH is a centre of excellence acting as the prime contractor and design authority for the TAURUS weapon system and its future derivatives. TAURUS Systems GmbH was founded in 1998 and its shareholders are MBDA Deutschland GmbH (67%) as well as SAAB Dynamics AB (33%). TAURUS Systems Korea (TSK) was founded in 2014 and is located in Seoul, Korea.

MBDA Deutschland is a leader in the development and production of air defence and guided missile systems for the German Army, Navy and Air Force. The company possesses production and management experience from over 50 years of industrial participation in national and international air defence and guided missile programmes. These include the ground-based MEADS tactical air defence system as well as Patriot, the Rolling Air Frame Missile (RAM) and Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile (ESSM) for naval deployment, the Meteor and TAURUS missiles, developed in European cooperation for airborne forces, and the MILAN system and the PARS 3 LR helicopter armament for ground forces.

MBDA Deutschland is a part of the European MBDA group. The company operates sites in Schrobenhausen, Ulm and Aschau am Inn. MBDA is jointly owned by the Airbus Group (37.5%), BAE Systems (37.5%) and Leonardo-Finmeccanica (25%).

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