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MBDA unveils an integrated defence solution for fast patrol boats and logistics ships

Building on more than 40 years of experience in C2 Command and Control systems for anti-air (Roland, Aspide, Rapier, VL MICA) and anti-ship missile systems (Exocet, Otomat, Marte), MBDA is unveiling its new CWSP (Compact Warfare System Package) at the Euronaval 2010 exhibition.

CWSP is intended as a response to the growing need for securing very sensitive coastal zones and for the self defence of support ships called upon to operate in these zones. With this new proposition, MBDA is offering its military customers and international shipyards a turnkey solution for a light weapon combat system that nonetheless provides the high fire power of missiles.

From an industrial standpoint, MBDA is offering to carry out the complete weapons' integration on low tonnage as well as logistics vessels in response to the growing demand from a number of countries in the world for a more direct control of their naval construction projects. In response to this growing market interest, MBDA has settled on a CWSP range that comprises two versions: CSWP-PB (Patrol Boat) to arm fast patrol boats and CWSP-SD (Self Defence) for the self defence of logistics ships.

To provide the core of these weapon combat systems, MBDA will integrate the latest naval missiles. CWSP-SD, optimised for the self-defence of logistics ships, could comprise up to four, automatic SIMBAD-RC turrets each capable of deploying two, ready-to-fire Mistral anti-air missiles. The development of SIMBAD-RC has been launched this year.

In addition to the SIMBAD-RC turrets, the CWSP-PB weapon combat system, optimised for fast patrol boats, could equally comprise up to two, twin launchers for the Marte Mk2/N medium-range anti-ship missile, the production of which was launched for a first export customer in 2009.

Commenting on the launch of the CWSP family, Antoine Bouvier, CEO of MBDA, noted: "MBDA has proven again its wide-reaching expertise in naval combat systems with the delivery of the world-leading capability provided by PAAMS for the Horizon frigates and the Type 45 destroyers. At the other end of the spectrum and thanks to its closely integrated, multi-national organisation, the group is capable today of launching CWSP, a new range of highly competitive weapon systems calling on the latest and best French and Italian products. CWSP fills a gap in the market for arming low tonnage as well as logistics vessels. In this respect, I am very confident of the commercial prospects for this new MBDA solution".

Notes to editors

With industrial facilities in four European countries and within the USA, MBDA has an annual turnover of €2.6 billion and an order book of €12 billion. With more than 90 armed forces customers in the world, MBDA is a world leader in missiles and missile systems.

MBDA is the only group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development.

MBDA is jointly held by BAE SYSTEMS (37,5%), EADS (37,5%) and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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