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MBDA PREPARES A NEW SERIES OF CALLS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE MCM-ITP TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

MBDA, the European leader in missiles and missile systems sector, has been leading the MCM ITP (Materials and Components for Missiles Innovation and Technology Partnership) research and technology programme on behalf of the French and British ministries of defence since 2007. Over the last six years and with an annual budget of approximately €13 million funded equally by the two governments and by industry, the programme has supported over 90 research projects involving 89 industrial partners, SMEs, research centres and academia in France and the United Kingdom.

On 22nd and 23rd May 2013, during a conference taking place in Lille, France, DGA, UK MoD, MBDA and its partners will review the first five year cycle and outline the advances that have been made possible thanks to this innovative, new cooperative programme. The French and British authorities have already agreed to continue the MCM ITP programme for a further period of up to six years. An inter-governmental agreement covering this new period is in the process of being concluded by the two nations, following which MBDA will launch a new tranche of research and an annual call for proposals.

Commenting on this event, Steve Wadey, MBDA Executive Group Director Technical and Managing Director UK, said: "Within the Defence Sector, the MCM-ITP programme is a unique business model. The principle of Government and Industrial co-financing supported by bilateral Government agreements enables both countries to benefit from full access to all the technologies being explored across the programme. The programme's balanced system of governance ensures that SMEs and private and public research centres receive approximately 30% of the funds allocated to this initiative and also allows for the involvement of the kind of SMEs and laboratories that would not normally be part of MBDA's usual network nor that of its partners and suppliers. The Franco-British work being carried out within this programme is maturing technology for the next generation of missile programmes and shaping the future industrial framework of the missile sector".

Notes to editors

The MCM ITP programme will allow technologies to be matured in the laboratory which, once validated, can then become part of future technology demonstrators of missiles,



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equipment or missile systems, before being used by the Armed Forces in weapons which could enter into service during the next decade and beyond.

This programme covers all domains relevant to missile development (including systems, infrared and radar sensors, solid propulsion, air-breathing propulsion, warheads, safety and arming units and fuzes, materials and electronics), with each of these domains being led by MBDA or one of its partners (Nexter, Qinetiq, Roxel, Safran Microturbo, Selex ES and Thales).

With industrial facilities in five European countries and within the USA, in 2012 MBDA achieved a turnover of 3 billion euros with an order book of 9.8 billion euros. 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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