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MBDA delivers the first PCP and IMCP command and control systems

At the beginning of December 2014, MBDA delivered the first PCP (*Platoon Command Post*) and IMCP (*Improved Missile Control Post*) air defence command and control (C2) systems destined for an export customer. Production of the remaining systems currently under order will be spread over the next two years.

These PCP and IMCP systems will form the first air defence sections enabling the operation and coordination of Mistral and/or VL MICA systems. The PCP module is used for the command and control of multi-layered surface to air units. It provides the interface with systems or other sources responsible for coordinating the air space as well with other PCP modules deployed in neighbouring zones. Equipped with the latest 3D radar capable of detecting and identifying aerial targets at ranges of up to 80km, the IMCP module provides the detection, identification and target tracking functions for PCP.

At the heart of the range of surface to air C2 systems offered by MBDA, the combination of the new PCP and IMCP systems will allow a greater flexibility in adapting the number and kind of effectors to meet the requirements posed by the particular threat and the mission.

With 70,000 surface to air missiles, more than 4,000 firing units and around 2,000 C2 systems sold over the last 50 years, MBDA covers all the elements of an air defence system.

Antoine Bouvier, MBDA's Chief Executive Officer, said : " The PCP and MCP systems which we are delivering today are at the forefront of C2 technology. The fact that MBDA is able to deliver these first units within the timeframe announced at the launch of the programme in 2011, is another proof of the company's unequalled experience in the air defence domain"

Notes to editors

With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2013 MBDA achieved a turnover of 2.8 billion euros with an order book of 10.8 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 AIRBUS Group (37.5%), BAE SYSTEMS (37.5%), and FINMECCANICA (25%).

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