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Finmeccanica – Selex ES wins EUR 27M contract to update UK RAF Puma electronic warfare capability

The contract will see the company equip the UK's Puma fleet with the SG200-D Radar Warning Receiver

- SG200-D is a UK-specific RWR from the SEER RWR family of products from Finmeccanica – Selex ES.
- The contract extends the company's proud track record of being selected to provide technology for UK helicopter platforms.

Finmeccanica – Selex ES has won a contract worth around €27M (£19M) to provide an ongoing radar warning capability for the UK Royal Air Force's fleet of Puma helicopters. The company was selected by the UK Ministry of Defence to provide its SG200-D Radar Warning Receiver (SG200-D RWR).

SG200-D is a UK-specific product from the family of Selex ES's SEER system. An advanced digital Radar Warning Receiver, SG200-D is self-protection equipment which detects and identifies emitters in high density and complex radar environments.

The contract includes a number of full sets of SG200-D equipment for installation onto the Puma helicopters, additional sets for spares and training and several sets of 'A-kit' equipment – the antennas and cockpit control equipment needed to quickly install the full system as a helicopter switches over from a training to operational environment. This provision means that the RAF's entire fleet of 24 Pumas will have access to the technology.

"Our selection of Selex ES's SG200-D Radar Warning Receiver means that the RAF's Puma Mk2 aircraft will continue to be some of the best protected in the world" said Air Commodore Richard Mason - Capability Director, Joint Helicopter Command, adding "With this contract to replace the legacy Radar Warning Receiver, we have taken a significant step towards upgrading our aircraft, thereby ensuring that we are able to counter both current and future threats."

Selex ES is pursuing a range of further opportunities for its SG200-D RWR technology in the UK. The company has built a close operational relationship with the MoD having worked extensively on helicopter electronic warfare systems across the UK fleet. All UK Apache helicopters carry the company's HIDAS (Helicopter Integrated Defensive Aid System) and another UK MoD Project saw Selex ES provide an integrated DAS for the RAF's entire Chinook helicopter fleet and subsequent support to ongoing operations.

For export customers, Selex ES offers the SEER RWR, a system which was widely praised after it was trialed at the recent NATO tactical leadership programme. SEER is fully programmable and allows users to configure its operation with indigenous mission-dependent data. The system's small-footprint, low-weight and power characteristics ensure its suitability for aircraft of new or upgrade programmes, including fixed and rotary wing aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).