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Saab opens new UK radar production site in Fareham

Saab has opened a new radar production facility as part of its growth strategy in the United Kingdom. This new radar work based in Fareham will contribute 100-150 jobs as it grows.

Saab UK's Sensor Systems business operates from Saab's site in Fareham, with a team also located in Farnborough. The skilled staff in Fareham primarily produce and integrate the new Deployment Set, a configuration of the Giraffe 1X highly mobile, compact, rapidly deployed, software-based, 3D AESA radar. This increases Saab's production capacity for its Giraffe 1X Deployment Set and the first units are already in production at the Fareham site.

Saab UK's Sensor Systems business will also act as a Centre of Excellence developing follow-on UK Intellectual Property in the radar domain. It will also grow to maintain existing radars in-service with the UK Ministry of Defence, such as Giraffe 1X and Giraffe AMB air defence radars and artillery locating MAMBA (Arthur) radars.

The whole site in Fareham benefits 400 jobs at Saab, in established and future roles across various business activities.

"This announcement of our new production facility in Fareham is the latest step in Saab UK's growth and closely follows our recent acquisition of BlueBear. Starting up Sensor Systems means hundreds of skilled and economically valuable jobs, and a new UK defence industrial capability for our customers," says Dean Rosenfield, Group Managing Director of Saab UK.

Minister for Defence Procurement, James Cartlidge said: "I very much welcome Saab's investment into the UK, creating hundreds of skilled jobs and supporting our defence industrial base. I look forward to this new facility supporting our Armed Forces in utilising advanced radar capabilities."

Saab UK's Fareham site has been growing with the announcement in February 2023 of the expansion of its Underwater Systems business of Seaeye autonomous and remotely operated vehicles. Across the UK, Saab has eight principal sites which focus on software engineering, underwater robotics, training services, radars and more.

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Saab UK's presence has been growing at pace, with employee numbers quadrupling through consolidation, acquisition and organic growth, bringing together the best of Swedish and British innovation.

Saab is a leading defence and security company with an enduring mission, to help nations keep their people and society safe. Empowered by its 19,000 talented people, Saab constantly pushes the boundaries of technology to create a safer, more sustainable and more equitable world. Saab designs, manufactures and maintains advanced systems in aeronautics, weapons, command and control, sensors and underwater systems. Saab is headquartered in Sweden. It has major operations all over the world and is part of the domestic defence capability of several nations.

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