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Saab UK marks 100th Giraffe 1X milestone

Saab UK has completed its 100th Giraffe 1X radar system, marking a key achievement in its role of strengthening the UK's sovereign radar capability.

Alongside this milestone, Saab UK has also opened a new Integration & Verification (I&V) testing facility on-site in Fareham as part of its Sensor Systems business. The facility is now fully operational, providing a dedicated space for system testing, software integration and customer acceptance – enhancing delivery speed, quality assurance and the in-house technical capability.

As Saab's UK centre of excellence for radar engineering, the Fareham Campus supports production and sustainment of radar systems including Giraffe 1X, Giraffe AMB, and TAIPAN (Arthur). The site forms part of Saab UK's growing national footprint, supporting around 400 skilled roles across radar and underwater robotics.

Andy Fraser, Group Managing Director at Saab UK, said:

“Producing our 100th Giraffe 1X and bringing the new I&V facility online is a significant step for our Sensor Systems team. These achievements demonstrate the strength of our people and the powerful combination of Swedish engineering and British manufacturing capability.”

As a compact 3D Multi-Mission Radar, Giraffe 1X delivers flexible sensing capability whether deployed on the move, positioned as a fixed asset, or integrated onto land or naval platforms. It is a field-proven Multi-Mission Radar operated worldwide, with production carried out in both Sweden and the UK. Its mission set spans force protection, weapon-locating, ground-based air defence – including C-UAS detection – and sea-surface surveillance, providing exceptional adaptability for modern operations across diverse environments.

Saab UK will continue to develop its capability, strengthening production capacity, advancing testing capability and supporting future radar programmes for customers in the UK and internationally.

Saab UK Ltd, a legal entity of Saab AB, is a leading defence and security company. With around 600 employees and a presence in the UK for more than 30 years, Saab operates 8 major facilities across the country, including training and simulation in Wiltshire, Seaeye underwater robotics and sensor systems in Fareham, Public Safety Solutions in Hull, a Software Technology Centre in Farnborough, and its headquarters in London.

The UK is a key country of operations for Saab. Over 60% of Next generation Light Anti-tank Weapon (NLAW) comes from UK supply chain and 35% of the Gripen fighter jet is sourced from UK companies creating thousands of jobs.

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