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Saab's Seaeye SR20 completes inland water trials

Saab UK's Seaeye SR20 eWROV, its next-generation all-electric work-class remotely operated vehicle (ROV), has successfully completed a comprehensive programme of inland water trials.

The recent water trials marked an important step in the SR20's development, forming a key part of the verification and validation programme.

The water trials assessed vehicle performance against specification requirements, measuring capability and stressing the ROV as a complete system. Throughout the trials, the SR20 demonstrated manoeuvrability, precise pilot control and stable operation, providing further validation of its electric architecture and integrated control systems.

For 40 years, Saab's Seaeye ROVs have supported subsea operations across a range of applications. The SR20 builds on that experience as development progresses toward operational deployment.

Jon Robertson, Seaeye Managing Director at Saab UK, said:

"These successful water trials bring us another step closer to delivering a new platform for the subsea industry. The SR20 combines the performance and reliability operators expect from Seaeye systems, with a fully electric architecture designed to support a range of operational requirements, including resident and remote operations."

Following the successful completion of inland water trials, the SR20 programme will now progress to the next phase of testing as development continues toward planned delivery.

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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