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Saab receives order for LHD training systems

On 9 December 2011, Saab signed a multi-million dollar change to its development contract with BAE Systems to provide operator and maintainer training systems for the Saab 9LV combat management system (CMS) on the Canberra class amphibious ships (LHD).

This new scope consists of the development of training course material for the CMS supported by a shore-based training facility, developed and operated by BAE Systems which will provide operator and maintainer training.

The training facility will be fitted with 11 Saab emulation training system consoles which are low-cost COTS based variants of Saab's 9LV multi-function console. Maintainer training will be supported utilising ship-fit 9LV CMS equipment.

The LHD CMS training system will be a derivative of the successful CMS trainer used for the ANZAC class ships that uses operational software to ensure commonality and surety.

Work has already commenced on this stage of the project which will continue for the next two years. A follow-on contract for the delivery of the training is expected to be negotiated during 2012.

Managing Director of Saab Systems, Mr Richard Price said, "Training is part of our comprehensive support and sustainment services for our customers. Saab's extensive experience in training which extends to both Army and Naval domains makes us the most suitable provider of these training capabilities."

The LHD CMS is currently undergoing integration into the LHD Combat Direction System at the Williamstown Land Based Test Site and testing will be conducted in 2012.

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