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SCHIEBEL DELIVERS CAMCOPTER® S-100 UAS TO JORDAN

Vienna, 20 February 2011 – Following contract award in July 2010, Schiebel is pleased to announce delivery of two CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air Systems (UAS) to the King Abdullah Design and Development Bureau (KADDB) of Jordan. The UAS will form a key part of the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) Reconnaissance Squadron, as KADDB is an independent Governmental military-civilian agency existing within the JAF tasked with operating to best commercial practices with predetermined performance targets.

The CAMCOPTER® S-100 was chosen following a comprehensive evaluation process by KADDB on behalf of the Jordan Armed Forces and the Royal Jordanian Air Force to ensure it could meet all of their demanding mission requirements. The unrivalled helicopter UAS will be primarily used for surveillance, intelligence and reconnaissance missions, as all will be equipped with L-3 Wescam MX-10 EO/IR payloads, offering a new dimension in capability for the Jordanian Armed Forces. Under the terms of the contract, Schiebel will also provide in-country technical support, maintenance and operator and maintainer training.

“We are extremely proud that our system was selected by KADDB and are looking forward to supporting this new customer as they begin to utilise this unique and proven UAS capability. The CAMCOPTER® S-100 is an ideal solution for the Jordanian requirements, delivering real-time information 24/7.” said Company owner and Chairman, Mr. Hans Georg Schiebel. “In a world where the need for maximum security is paramount, I believe the Schiebel UAS can combat the many diverse challenges and dangers existing, by delivering immediate information of a very high resolution to those that need it most, the decision makers on the ground.”

KADDB's Chairman and CEO, Mr. Shadi “Ramzi” Majali, added that “KADDB has lead the coordination between the Jordan Armed Forces and the Royal Jordanian Air Force with Schiebel to translate the operational requirements into technical specifications and evaluate the different systems capabilities to meet the Jordanian intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance requirements”.

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About Schiebel:

Founded in 1951, the Vienna-based Schiebel Group of companies focuses on the development, testing and production of state-of-the-art mine detection equipment and the revolutionary CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air System (UAS). Schiebel has built an international reputation for producing quality defense and humanitarian products, which are backed by exceptional after-sales service and support. Since 2010 Schiebel offers the new division composite and is able to supply high-tech customers with this high-quality carbon fiber technology. All products are quality-controlled to meet ISO 9001 standards. With headquarters in Vienna (Austria), Schiebel now maintains production facilities in Wiener Neustadt (Austria), and Abu Dhabi (UAE), as well as offices in Washington DC (USA), and Phnom Penh (Cambodia).

About KADDB:

The King Abdullah II Design and Development Bureau (KADDB) was established by Royal Decree on 24th of August 1999 to provide an indigenous capability for the supply of independent, high quality, efficient and cost-effective scientific and technical services to the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF). KADDB is an independent government entity within the JAF that acts as the Jordanian research and development facility, created to provide a one-stop solution for the supply of defence and commercial equipment. KADDB aims at harnessing science and technology to fulfil Jordan's defence needs and, in the process, assist the nation in creating a sustainable defence industrial base.

About the CAMCOPTER® S-100:

Schiebel's CAMCOPTER® S-100 Unmanned Air System (UAS) is a proven capability for military and civilian applications. The Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) UAS needs no prepared area, supporting launch or recovery equipment. It operates day and night, under adverse weather conditions, with a beyond line-of-sight capability out to 200 km, both on land and at sea. The S-100 navigates via pre-programmed GPS waypoints or is operated with a Pilot Control Unit. Missions are planned and controlled via simple point-and-click graphical user interface and high definition payload imagery is transmitted to the control station in real-time. Using "fly-by-wire" technology controlled by a triple-redundant flight computer, the AV can complete its mission automatically. Its carbon fiber and titanium fuselage provides capacity for a wide range of payload/endurance combinations up to a service ceiling of 18,000 ft and, in the standard configuration, carries a 75 lbs/34kg payload for over 6 hours.

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