

## Schiebel



The company has been making inroads with the Camcopter S-100 unmanned aerial system (UAS) worldwide. In February, Schiebel was awarded a contract for the supply of the system and three years of follow-on contractor logistics support. The Camcopter S-100 holds an impressive track record of supporting naval customers, with missions successfully completed on over 30 different ships on all the world's oceans, in every environment from the tropics to the Arctic.

On March 30, the company announced that it is collaborating with Finnish firm, Patria to integrate the company's sophisticated compact airborne networking data link communication network onto the Camcopter S-100. The joint effort is the first step of an ongoing programme of work examining how the Camcopter S-100 can be deployed to directly support manned helicopter operations.

In May, the Camcopter completes successful flight trials in Norway. The capabilities of the system were presented to the Norwegian Coast Guard, Royal Norwegian Navy, Royal Norwegian Air Force, Norwegian Coastal Administration, Police Directorate as well as other Norwegian authorities during demanding trials at Andoya test centre. The UAS have proven its capacity for providing essential data such as the high-quality real-time EO/IR footage generated by L3 Wescam's MX-10, and successfully tracked vehicles. In a separate exercise the Camcopter S-100 UAS convinced the participants with its impressive range clearance capability. An area of around 2 500km<sup>2</sup> was scanned for vessels.

Less than a month later, Schiebel announced that the Camcopter system completed qualification flights for the French Navy. The tests were performed from the deck of the BPC Dixmude, the newest of the French Navis three Mistral-class amphibious assault ships. Schiebel participates in flight trials in order to confirm the ship helicopter operating limits and to qualify the Camcopter S-100's integration onto the BPC.