

## Schiebel S-100 UAV selected for Australian navy requirement



The Australian Department of Defence (DoD) has selected Schiebel's S-100 Camcopter for an initial phase of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN's) programme to acquire a maritime unmanned aircraft system (MUAS), a ministerial spokesperson confirmed to Janes on 3 May.

The S-100 unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) will now proceed through a single-source procurement process for the first block of the AUD1.3 billion (USD960 million) three-block MUAS programme under Project Sea 129 Phase 5.

The number of S-100s under consideration for the first block has not been disclosed, although an unconfirmed media report referred to an initial procurement of 40.

Proposed by Raytheon Australia and its partner Schiebel Pacific, the S-100 was chosen without an open tender from five shortlisted contenders for single-source consideration in a move that would advance initial operating capability (IOC) by 18 months, the ministerial spokesperson said.