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## **Selex ES awarded €14.1M contract to support Royal Navy gunfire control systems**

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Selex ES, a Finmeccanica company, has been awarded a €14.1M (£12.2M) contract by the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) to provide in-service support for the Royal Navy's GSA8/GPEOD gunfire control system used on Type 23 frigates. The contract, which will last for 10 years, will see Selex ES providing a managed support arrangement for the GSA8/GPEOD which includes background support activities, a number of repairs and the administration of obsolescence issues.

"Over the past few years, the team here at Selex ES in Basildon has been successful in delivering difficult repairs and innovative system improvements for the GSA8/GPEOD" said Norman Bone, UK Managing Director at Selex ES. "We're pleased that the MoD has recognised our team's dedication and chosen Selex ES to support this equipment going forward".

The GSA8/GPEOD is the gunfire control system for the 4.5" Mk8 Gun fitted to the Royal Navy's Type 23 frigates. The system calculates a ballistic solution (where a shell will land) and moves the gun to the appropriate angle for an accurate shot. The General Purpose Electro-Optics Director (GPEOD) is the main optical sensor for naval gunfire support and anti-surface warfare and also provides a general surveillance capability for the frigates.