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## **Selex ES teams with Partech to deliver avionics test capability to Australia**

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Selex ES, a Finmeccanica company, is pleased to announce that it has entered into agreement with Partech to ensure outstanding avionics test and evaluation capability for Australia's Defense aircraft fleet. Known as JATCA, (Joint Avionics Test Capability Australia), this initiative has already won the support of a number of major Australian and international defence contractors, including Australian Aerospace.

Australian Aerospace, supplier of Multi Role Helicopters and Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters to Australian Defense with an enviable record in supporting local defence industry, has signed a Letter of Intent with the JATCA team to explore the benefits in terms of reduced cost and improved turnaround times achievable through use of the New South Wales based Avionics Test Facility.

The JATCA team is anticipating initial requests for the development of avionics test solutions and repair regimes for key avionics systems on a number of Australian Aerospace maintained fixed and rotary winged aircraft to be made mid 2013.

Nowra based Partech is an Australian leader in the development of F-35 avionics test solutions and through the use of LM-STAR test equipment provided by Selex ES is uniquely placed to provide a full suite of avionics support services from development, manufacture and through life support.

Selex ES is a global technology provider delivering innovative systems, products and solutions to answer the growing demand for enhanced capabilities in the national security and military domains as well as in complex civil infrastructure management.

The JATCA initiative will ensure the continued viability and retention of niche capabilities within the New South Wales aerospace industry, and through the involvement of Selex ES provides an injection of equipment, expertise and know how to grow these capabilities to meet future defence requirements.

Michael Lenton, VP Sales & Marketing Australia at Selex ES commented: "JATCA is tangible evidence of Selex ES' commitment to empower Australian SMEs to perform through life support in Country, saving money, shortening equipment turn around time and increasing aircraft availability to the Australian Defense Force".