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AHERO
SHORT-RANGE TACTICAL R-UAS

The AWHERO R-UAS system exploits the synergy between Leonardo Helicopters extensive experience in rotorcraft development and Sistemi Dinamici’s experience in unmanned systems.

The result is a highly technologically advanced R-UAS which includes a range of advanced features:

• Safety Critical Systems Redundancy
• Automatic Failure Management
• Flight Termination System
• Automatic take-off and landing from terrain or maritime vessels
• Automatic Navigation and Mission Task Execution
• Manned-Unmanned Teaming

The AWHERO R-UAS includes:

• A Ground Control Station comprising Command & Control and Payload Management
• One or more Air Vehicles
• A Wide Band real-time Data Link system
• Payload comprising a modular sensor suite

The AWHERO R-UAS development incorporates early design features such as:

• International Aeronautical Standards
• Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, Testability (RAMT) concepts
• Mission oriented solutions such as an optimised three-blade rotor that minimises noise and maximizes payload performance with reduced vibrations

MISSIONS

The AWHERO is designed to fulfill the spectrum of short-range military missions, either Battlefield or Maritime:

ISTAR
Force Protection
Combat Support
Route Clearance
Cargo Re-Supply
BLOS Comms Relay
Mine Countermeasures
Anti-Submarine Warfare
Migration Control
Antipiracy
Riot Control

PAYLOAD

EO/IR Turret
Maritime RADAR
SAR
ESM
IFF
LIDAR
AIS
Loudspeaker
Distress Sensor
Storage Dispenser
MODULAR PAYLOAD BAYS

Two modular payload bays host a range of sensors. The payload can be nose, underbelly or side mounted. The nose bay, as “no dark spot” location, can accommodate a 10" EO/IR turret, while the underbelly and side bays can be used for heavier payloads.

LAND AND SEA OPERATIONS

The AWHERO R-UAS can perform land operations from rough terrain and in harsh environment. At sea, the AWHERO can withstand severe weather conditions and sea states.

Main Naval Capability
- Automatic and Semi-automatic Deck Takeoff & Landing
- Deck Lock system
- Easy handling on the deck
- Minimum Time from Alert to Launch
- Foldable blades to minimize footprint in the hangar

DATA PROVISION AND INTEROPERABILITY

Due to its modular architecture, the AWHERO R-UAS can be readily interfaced with the existing end-user networks in order to provide:
- Live Streaming Video
- Radar images
- Identified objects, ships, vehicles and persons
- AIS information and track of the vessels
- Georeferenced objects

MAXIMIZED RELIABILITY

- Triple-redundant flight control and navigation system
- Two separated data links and two control positions to segregate Command & Control safety critical functions from payload management
- Dual-redundant electrical system
- Redundant Command & Control station
- Independent flight termination system
- Automatic emergency procedures:
  - Command & Control link loss contingency plans
  - Intelligent Back Home function
  - GPS outage flight mode

MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT

AWHERO takes advantage of extensive experience within Leonardo Helicopters to ensure effective development and supply of all the required resources and services at competitive Life Cycle Costs. Global and around the clock support is provided by a worldwide network of Supply Centre’s through:
- Integrated Logistic Support
- Customized Product Support Programs
- Field Support Services
- After sales activities
- Training programs
- Technical publications

TRANSPORTABILITY

AWHERO can be transported by land, sea, commercial air transport and strategic air lift. The system, including tools and spares, is storable in a 20ft standard container, compatible with global shipping requirement. The AWHERO stowage condition supports parent ship units in high sea state conditions.
AWHERO CHARACTERISTICS

**Weights**
- MTOW: 205 kg (452 lb)
- Empty Weight: 120 kg (265 lb)
- Useful Load (Payload + Fuel): 85 kg (187 lb)

**Performance**
- Endurance: 6 hours (at 35 kg payload)
- Service Ceiling: 10,000 ft
- Max Cruise Speed: 90 kts

**Dimension**
- Main rotor diameter: 4,00 m (157,5 in)
- Lenght: 3,70 m (145,7 in)
- Height: 1,20 m (47,2 in)
- Width (with folded rotor): 1,05 m (41,3 in)

**Engine**

**Ground Control Station**
- **Flexible and modular hardware configuration:**
  - laptop
  - portable rugged
  - integrated with Control Room
- **HMI designed leveraging the experience of Leonardo Helicopters' test pilots**
- **Compliant with STANAG 4586.**
- **Common interface to control other Leonardo Helicopters unmanned platforms**

**Data Link**
- **Command & Control Data-link**
  - Secure encrypted transmission (AES-256)
  - Long-range coverage (50NM, optional 100NM)
  - Duplex architecture solution provides complete hardware redundancy to maximize mission reliability

**Payload Data Link**
- **DVB-based**
- Up to 2 simultaneous full HD video transmissions
- State-of-the-art compression technologies (H.264) and encryption system (AES-256)
- COFDM modulation for multipath immunity
- Long-range coverage (50NM, optional 100NM)
- GPS based auto-tracking capability

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