



NL EASP AIR MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY THURAYA AERO

„NL EASP AIR has selected **ThurayaAero** as the SATCOM platform for special missions operations” - Pieter Voeten, Director of NL EASP AIR announced. The Dutch company and SMP Aviation of Graz, Austria, the exclusive supplier of **ThurayaAero**, have agreed on the terms of a Teaming Agreement which defines the co-operation of both organizations.

NL EASP AIR, a Schiphol-based service provider of airborne operations and integrated surveillance missions under EASA-PART Specialized Operations, provides full service airborne support with special mission aircraft to governments and EU Agencies in the areas of (maritime) surveillance and ISR. End of 2015 NL EASP AIR was awarded with two 4-year framework contracts for aerial maritime surveillance support to FRONTEX (EU Border and Coast Guard Agency) and to the UK DEFRA/UK Border Force.

SMP Aviation specializes in supporting operational excellence with real time satellite communications services. SMP Aviation, who is a member and also leader of the so called “Aero Group”, has been chosen as general contractor and exclusive partner of the satellite operator Thuraya to create and launch this state-of-the-art technology.

The Aero Group - a powerful combination of well-known aerospace solution suppliers – consisting of SMP Aviation, Cobham, Scotty Group Austria, SRT Wireless and Thuraya - are working together to provide first class products and solutions to government agencies, NGOs and the aeronautical industry. One of the members, SCOTTY Group Austria, delivers the aeronautical modem for this innovative airborne communications system and also supplies highest quality products and solutions for maritime, vehicular and ground applications to transfer the received information from the aircraft to the ground.

This cooperation is a win-win situation for both NL EASP AIR and SMP Aviation as it represents a great opportunity for the two European SMEs to establish themselves in the European Economic market as providers of operational excellence for ISR and other surveillance related missions.

Pieter Voeten, Director of NL EASP AIR, stated: “The combined knowledge of this Dutch-Austrian partnership will lead to an enormous efficiency increase for both Maritime Search and Rescue as for ISR operations. Owing to the pairing of excellent equipment with the know-how from both enterprises, this partnership will be highly beneficial to enhance future maritime surveillance operations for our European customers”.

Manfred Scheiring, CEO of SMP Aviation points out: “We are delighted that NL EASP AIR has chosen **ThurayaAero** as their SATCOM communications platform. This co-operation is a powerful base between two innovative and ambitious SMEs to support operational excellence with an innovative, cost efficient airborne satellite communication system. Summarising, we are very excited about this partnership and are looking forward to many successful operations in the future”.

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SMP-aviation.com

thuraya.com/services/thuraya-aero



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