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News Release

DSTA AND MBDA DEEPEN PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES

Singapore's Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) and European defence group MBDA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will pave the way for joint efforts to explore innovative and low-cost solutions for countering drone threats. The announcement was made on the sidelines of IMDEX Asia.

The partnership underscores a shared commitment from DSTA and MBDA to undertake technology sharing and jointly build advanced technological solutions to improve detection, identification and response against drones, amid the fast-evolving threat landscape.

"With the increasing accessibility of drones, we see a growing need to manage their use safely and effectively. By combining our strengths in this domain with MBDA, we aim to push the boundaries of drone defence and unlock the potential of smart capabilities that will further strengthen the Singapore Armed Forces' readiness," said DSTA's Deputy Chief Executive (Operations), Mr Roy Chan.

"We are pleased to sign this MOU with DSTA. Cooperation is in MBDA's DNA. This is a partnership born from a common view on how to counter the threats posed by drones – a partnership supported by shared goals of how we can use innovation to provide capabilities that will protect the Singapore Armed Forces and their assets," said Executive Group Director Programmes and Managing Director of MBDA France, Mr Stéphane Reb.

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About Defence Science and Technology Agency

The Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) is a top-notch technology organisation that drives innovation and delivers state-of-the-art capabilities to make the Singapore Armed Forces a formidable fighting force. Harnessing and exploiting science and technology, our engineers and IT professionals leverage multidisciplinary expertise to equip our soldiers with advanced systems to defend Singapore. DSTA also contributes its technological expertise to support national-level developments. To achieve our mission, DSTA excels in systems engineering, digitalised platforms, cyber, software development and more.

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About MBDA

MBDA is a unique multi-national European group, a world-leader in the field of complex weapon systems, playing a key role in keeping nations safe. Created in the spirit of international co-operation, MBDA and its 18,000+ employees work together to support the national sovereignty of France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK, and their allies worldwide. As an accelerator for innovation, MBDA is the only European group capable of designing and manufacturing complex weapons to meet the full range of current and future operational requirements of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). Airbus (37.5%), BAE Systems (37.5%) and Leonardo (25%) jointly own MBDA.