

Saab Receives Order for U.S. Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Target



The U.S. Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport has awarded Saab the first production order for the Expendable Mobile Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Target (EMATT). This contract follows an award from September 30, 2022 to perform modernization and validation testing of the EMATT system. This production order has a value of approx. USD \$9 million (100 million SEK), which was booked in Q1 2023. The overall EMATT contract has a potential value of USD \$173 million (1.79 BSEK) over a 10-year ordering period.

Under the current order, Saab will manufacture 1,200 EMATT units for the U.S. Navy from its new production facility in Cranston, Rhode Island.

“This award validates the trust and confidence the U.S. Navy has placed in Saab to deliver on our commitments. Our EMATT system has significant improvements over the legacy design, including a next generation electronics architecture along with significantly improved navigation and control. We are pleased to work with our subcontractors SyQwest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and OASIS, a subsidiary of Thayer Mahan, on the improved MK39 EMATT,” said Erik Smith, President and CEO of Saab in the U.S.

The MK39 EMATT is a less than 25 pound sonobuoy-size device programmed for various anti-submarine warfare training scenarios. As a small, expendable system, Saab’s EMATT is an important enhancement to the U.S. Navy’s training program, providing improved reliability and significant cost savings

for the US Navy customer. The MK39 EMATT incorporates a technology refresh into the design and provides the U.S. Navy, as well as several allied navies, a robust acoustic exercise target to train sonar operators from naval surface ships, submarines, and aircraft.