

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ACW TECHNOLOGY WINS MAJOR CONTRACT FROM THALES FOR BRITISH ARMY'S NEW SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AND RANGE FINDER**

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ACW Technology Ltd has been selected by Thales UK to supply fully tested printed circuit boards assemblies (PCBAs) for a new state-of-the-art target locator system, known as Surveillance System and Range Finder (SSARF), for the UK's front line forces.

ACW has helped develop and produce four separate PCBAs, which will form part of the new SSARF product, to be built at Thales' optronics facility in Glasgow. Each of these boards has undergone extensive design and testing, with ACW and Thales engineers working closely together. The SSARF PCBs will be made at ACW Technology's Wales factory in Tonypanyd, South Wales.

ACW is a preferred supplier to Thales; this contract with ACW together with many others, have helped to secure employment for ACW's Southampton and Wales factories.

Owen Reeves, Managing Director, ACW Technology, says: "We are very pleased to have worked closely with the Thales UK team in Glasgow to deliver PCBAs for the SSARF product. ACW's attention to detail, focus on customer needs and our highly trained staff, in both UK manufacturing sites, offer Thales great solutions for its manufacturing."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

##### **About ACW:**

- 1. ACW Technology is an established, privately-owned, UK-based contract electronics manufacturer (CEM) providing a complete end-to-end electronics manufacturing service from multiple manufacturing sites in the UK and China, all owned and controlled by ACW. ACW's comprehensive capability offers potential customers looking to outsource the manufacture of electronics products the reliability, flexibility and expertise needed to give them a sustainable competitive advantage.*
- 2. For the SSARF programme, ACW will supply four types of PCBA. These will be delivered to Thales UK's optronics operation in Glasgow, where Thales will complete the final assembly of the product.*

##### **About Thales UK and Thales:**

- 1. Thales UK is a major electronics and systems group serving defence, aerospace, security and services markets. Thales employs 9,000 staff in the UK, based at more than 50 locations. In 2006 Thales UK's revenues were over £1 bn.*
- 2. Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales' leading-edge technology is supported by 22,000 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group's civil and*

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*military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with forecast 2007 revenues in excess of €12 billion.*

**About the SSARF Programme:**

1. *The new Surveillance System and Range Finder (SSARF) provides a hand held target locator and surveillance equipment, with built in thermal imaging, GPS and laser range finder.*
2. *The SSARF programme will deliver around 700 hand held/tripod mounted systems to enable dismounted close combat forces to conduct surveillance and target acquisition by day and night, 24 hours a day.*
3. *SSARF will replace the thermal imagers, laser range finders and GPS currently in use with a single, fully integrated package.*
4. *For further information go to: [www.mod.uk](http://www.mod.uk)*