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MBDA and Helsing announce partnership to provide innovative and transparent software-defined effects

Berlin – June 21, 2022 – MBDA Germany, with a long-standing history of providing effect systems to European armies, and Helsing Germany, with a focus on software platforms and AI mission modules, enter a strategic partnership to ensure explainable, assured and transparent development of software-defined defence systems. In an era of software-defined defence, real-time information processing and sense-making will be crucial in protecting European and NATO sovereignty. These fundamental software-based capabilities are jointly developed and integrated in future-proof defence systems.

The partnership stands for high precision capabilities and modern, military grade AI capabilities for the purpose of future proof effect management. By investing into technology development upfront and thus, delivering value at speed, both parties help the customer to get faster access to the latest technology innovation. New programs like FCAS, C-UAS and Joint Fire Support will benefit from the partnership. Both companies base their partnership on a joint set of deeply rooted beliefs in democracy, integrity, and mission-focused commitment.

„It is our aim to develop future proof effect systems for different domains and mission scenarios. In the effect systems of the future – be it ground, naval, air or space platforms – we now integrate state-of-the-art AI solutions by the leading player in this field, Helsing”, says Thomas Gottschild, Managing Director at MBDA Deutschland GmbH, in the context of announcing this partnership.

Dr Gundbert Scherf, Co-Founder and Co-CEO at Helsing adds *“Helsing and MBDA see it as their responsibility to provide the required software-defined effects to protect European and NATO soldiers against new threats. Helsing provides leading AI capabilities, made in Europe. With MBDA as a partner these get integrated into new, innovative defence systems.”*

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About MBDA

MBDA is the only European defence group capable of designing and producing missiles and missile systems that correspond to the full range of current and future operational needs of the three armed forces (land, sea and air). With a significant presence in five European countries and within the USA, in 2021 MBDA achieved revenue of 4.2 billion euros with an order book of 17.8 billion euros. In total, the group offers a range of 45 missile systems and countermeasures products already in operational service and more than 15 others currently in development. MBDA is jointly owned by Airbus (37.5%), BAE Systems (37.5%), and Leonardo (25%).

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About Helsing

Helsing is a European software and artificial intelligence company working in defence and national security, providing world-leading technology with presence in Germany, UK and France. Helsing believes that software – and artificial intelligence (AI) in particular – will be the key capability to keep liberal democracies from harm. Helsing's AI powered mission modules and real-time software platform process data from multiple sensors on the edge and provide an integrated view of the operational environment, to deliver faster and more accurate decision-making at the tactical, operational, and strategic level. Helsing's AI is built to be traceable and explainable from the outset.

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