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Norwegian Nansen Frigates Tap Thales For SATCOM Solution

The Norwegian Defence Procurement Division has awarded a contract to Thales to deliver a new satellite communications system for the five Norwegian *Nansen* class frigates.

Dallas, TX – January 19, 2009 — This comprehensive contract will significantly enhance the effectiveness of the *Nansen* class frigates, enabling them to communicate over secure, high bandwidth satellite links, both with other national and allied force elements. Thales will deliver a complete SATCOM solution for the *Nansen* class frigates, including state-of-the art military SHF and an advanced dual band Ka/Ku solution engineered to give the best trade-off between performance and installation constraints on-board the frigates. The Thales solution is based on the sea-proven **SURFSAT** Naval SATCOM family, with leading-edge multi-band and stabilised system, using multiple transmission systems ensuring seamless on-board integration. The terminals will be fitted with a range of modems including **M21e**, the most advanced SATCOM *Electronic Protected Measures (EPM)* modem from Thales. Based on the EPM modems product line already selected by NATO, M21e is a software ! modem fully compliant with **NATO STANAG 4606** ensuring interoperability among allied forces. It provides a future oriented full IP adaptive waveform and on-board *Electronic Support Measures (ESM)* compatibility, in a very compact housing easy to integrate on-board. The **Norwegian Navy** will thus benefit from high data rate SATCOM links enhancing the availability, confidentiality and integrity of voice and data information against potential jamming, interference and intrusion threats.



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