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MDA announces availability of Persist-INT On-Demand ISR Services in Afghanistan

Kandahar, Afghanistan – MDA’s Information Systems group, in collaboration with IAI North America subsidiary Stark Aerospace, announced today the availability of Persist-INT On-Demand ISR Services. Persist-INT is a turnkey unmanned airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) service that is available to NATO ISAF forces in Afghanistan, based on MDA and IAI’s existing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and ISR services in Afghanistan.

Persist-INT allows NATO ISAF forces to increase their operational safety and efficiency through rapid, effective expansion of their in-theatre ISR capabilities. MDA’s in-theatre operation allows ISAF forces to acquire the capability with only minimal military staff, and without additional infrastructure or equipment. Interested customers may procure the service quickly and easily, by the hour, from operational budgets, and without making long-term commitments. Subscriptions are available for variable levels of service, up to and including 24/7 on-call and short-notice services to meet urgent operational needs.

‘By building on MDA and IAI’s successful turnkey ISR services to the Canadian and Australian defence forces in Kandahar, we are able to quickly scale our existing operations to offer the same capabilities to other nations,’ said Dave Hargreaves, vice president and general manager, Integrated Information Solutions.

Persist-INT’s covert monitoring delivers a real-time operational picture to forward-deployed troops and command-center personnel, providing electronic warfare capabilities and full-motion video compatible with NATO’s Afghan Mission Network. The existing MDA-operated fleet of IAI Heron UAVs, which collect the ISR data, provides mission endurance of over twenty-four hours per flight, at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet, and has a proven availability and reliability track record of better than 90%.

ISAF forces can employ Persist-INT within days of contracting by leveraging MDA’s existing KAF-based operations. MDA’s turnkey service provides all required flight operations, data collection and delivery, as well as all the necessary maintenance, regulatory, and supply-chain operations. Optionally, Persist-INT can also provide ISR Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (PED) and Beyond Line-Of-Site (BLOS) operations.



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Since 2008, MDA and IAI have delivered over 18,000 flight hours of unmanned airborne ISR services in Afghanistan to the Canadian Air Force and to the Royal Australian Air Force. This unique commercially operated service is tightly integrated with the forces' operations, providing state-of-the-art ISR that has saved lives and significantly enhanced operational effectiveness.

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