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Airbus and AGI Sign MoU for Combined Decklanding System

- Integration of DeckFinder products into AGI product line
- Suitable for ship landing of manned helicopters and drones

Airbus Defence and Space and Aeronautical & General Instruments (AGI), a UK based company, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation on the integration of Airbus DeckFinder products into AGI's ship based Visual Landing Aid Systems.

The companies have agreed to jointly market a system that will provide navies with the capability to operate both manned and unmanned air vehicles in challenging all-weather environments.

AGI's Visual Landing Aids provide some of the world's most advanced navies with sophisticated visual lighting systems to support manned aircraft operations to naval flight decks. DeckFinder is a radio-frequency, GPS-independent, high accuracy relative positioning system enabling the control of unmanned systems during take-off and landing periods. The combination of the two systems represents a significant step forward in the extension of the maritime air operational envelope for both manned and unmanned operations.

"We are delighted to have come into this partnership with Airbus", said Geof Eeles, CEO of AGI. "This brings together the world-class technologies of our two companies which will provide our customers with a unique opportunity to acquire the next generation maritime landing systems".

"We see this partnership as an important step forward which allows our system to be seamlessly integrated into new and existing naval platforms around the world", said Evert Dudok, Head of Communications, Intelligence & Security (CIS) business line at Airbus Defence and Space.

The MoU foresees a combined market ready product in the first half of 2017.

Airbus Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space, a division of Airbus Group, is Europe's number one defence and space enterprise and the second largest space business worldwide. Its activities include space, military aircraft and related systems and services. It employs more than 38,000 people and in 2015 generated revenues of over 13 billion Euros.

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AGI

Aeronautical & General Instruments Limited (AGI) is an established British company manufacturing a range of defence and civil equipment for the UK and overseas markets. AGI specialises in high quality, well-engineered systems and LED lighting products that enhance deployed situational awareness on vessels in over 40 different navies world-wide.

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