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## **News Release**

## DSTA STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH SAFRAN TO ADVANCE DEFENCE CAPABILITIES AGAINST ASYMMETRIC THREATS

Singapore's Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) and France's Safran Electronics & Defense have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the sidelines of Euronaval 2024 on 4 November 2024. This MOU aims to drive innovation in defence technology and advance defence capabilities through improved performance, availability and sustainability of platforms operated by the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF).

This signing builds upon the agreement signed between both organisations in March 2023, which includes collaboration in smart technologies, talent development and long-term supportability.

This MOU will focus on enhancing the capabilities of a weapon control system to address emerging and asymmetric threats. It includes exploring the development of a decision support tool to quicken the engagement response time, as well as tapping on smart ammunition technology to maximise system effectiveness against such threats.

"Collaborating with Safran will allow us to bring our diverse expertise together, stay ahead of evolving technology and enhance our capabilities. Through this partnership, we will accelerate technological advancement and co-develop innovative solutions to counter emerging threats," said Mr Ng Chad-Son, Chief Executive of DSTA.

"As threats continue to evolve, so too must the systems designed to counter them," added Franck Saudo, President of Safran Electronics & Defense. "In conjunction with advancements in target identification, the development of sophisticated decision support algorithms plays a pivotal role in modern defense. We are proud to take on this challenge alongside DSTA."

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## About Defence Science and Technology Agency

The Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) is a top-notch technology organisation that drives innovation and delivers state-of-the-art capabilities to make the Singapore Armed Forces a formidable fighting force. Harnessing and exploiting science and technology, our engineers and IT professionals leverage multidisciplinary expertise to equip our soldiers with advanced systems to defend Singapore. DSTA also contributes its technological expertise to support national-level developments. To achieve our mission, DSTA excels in systems engineering, digitalised platforms, cyber, software development and more.

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**Safran Electronics & Defense** offers its customers on-board intelligence solutions allowing them to understand the environment, to reduce mental load and to guarantee a trajectory, even in critical situations, in all environments: on land, at sea, in the sky or space. The company harnesses the expertise of its 13,000 employees towards these three functions: observe, decide and guide, for the civil and military markets.

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