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LOCKHEED MARTIN CHOOSES MÄK RTI & VR-LINK FOR F-35 JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM

Purchases MÄK RTI & VR-Link Program Protection Plans

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., December 4, 2006 – MÄK Technologies, the world's leading supplier of distributed simulation software, announced that Lockheed Martin has chosen the MÄK RTI (Run Time Infrastructure) and VR-Link for the High Level Architecture (HLA) networking needs of the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter program. The products were purchased as part of a Program Protection Plan, under which Lockheed Martin will receive licenses, prioritized technical support, and specialized ports of both products.

The Joint Strike Fighter Program is defining the next-generation aircraft for U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, as well as the United Kingdom, and other partner nations. The F-35 Lightning II is a multi-role fighter, combining cutting edge technologies like stealth supersonic performance and advanced sensor fusion. The MÄK RTI and VR-Link will be used in developing interoperable, HLA compliant training for the fighter.

Lockheed Martin's previous experience with MÄK products in the F-16 Mission Training Center program led to the expansion of the tools on JSF. The Program Protection Plan gives the flexibility and special features needed.

"The MÄK RTI and VR-Link have a strong pedigree and play a vital role in simulation and training for premiere programs, now including the Joint Strike Fighter program," said Marc Schlackman, vice president of Sales and Marketing for MÄK Technologies.

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“Our goal has been to build tools that make simulation development faster and easier and the continued use of these tools by programs like JSF shows that we’re succeeding.”

Lockheed Martin joins a long list of leading organizations who have selected the MÄK RTI for major simulation programs, including: Northrop Grumman Mission Systems’ US Air Force Distributed Mission Operations lab, US Navy DDG 1000, the US Marine Corps Tactical Environment Network (TEN), Canadian DND War in a Box, and Australian Defence Simulation Office Joint Simulation Capability. An RTI is a key component of the HLA networking architecture. Customers typically choose the MÄK RTI based on its focus on efficiency and performance.

VR-Link, also part of the Lockheed Martin solution, is a networking toolkit for linking simulations via the Department of Defense HLA, DIS, or TENA networking protocols. It is the best-selling toolkit of its kind. VR-Link provides a single documented API that abstracts away the details of the networking protocols. VR-Link-based simulations can maintain native compliance with HLA, DIS, and TENA with a single code base.

Both products were purchased under the MÄK Program Protection Plan which offers tailored packaging and pricing for large programs and companies. The plan can be customized to meet the special needs of a large program, offering options like early access to new features, prioritized technical support, on-demand porting, on-site consulting, and custom product features.

MÄK’s Commitment to Interoperability

MÄK leads the industry in simulation interoperability solutions. The company develops commercial-off-the-shelf tools and toolkits that link simulations via the international standard HLA and DIS networking protocols. MÄK’s staff is also actively involved in developing these standards, and provides interoperability consulting and integration services.

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MÄK's other interoperability products include:

- VR-Exchange – Interoperability Portal
- MÄK Gateway – DIS to HLA Translator
- MÄK HLA/DIS Toolbox – Provides MATLAB[®] and Simulink[®] users the ability to network their simulations via HLA and DIS
- MÄK Game-Link – An HLA interface to the Unreal gaming engine

About MÄK Technologies

MÄK Technologies develops software to link, simulate and visualize the virtual world. We create tools and toolkits for distributed simulations, develop PC-based military tactical and trainers, craft custom solutions, and research and develop the latest simulation technologies. We build commercial off the shelf simulation software that is flexible, portable and supported. Whether you choose our best-selling networking toolkit, VR-Link, our computer generated forces toolkit, VR-Forces or another of our interoperable products, you can be confident that you have the industry leading distributed simulation experts in your corner. Our worldwide customers include ITT Industries, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, Thales, Tenix, Dassault and BAE. Please call 617.876.8085 or visit www.mak.com for more information.

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