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DRS Technologies signs 217 million dollars contract for the supply of rugged computing systems to the US Army

DRS Technologies, Inc., a Finmeccanica [FNC IM; SIFI.MI] Company, announced that it signed a 217 million dollars contract with the U.S. Army to produce thousands of rugged computing systems which include Joint Platform Tablet military rugged tablet (MRT) computers, keyboards, docking stations, interface cables and base plates in support of their Movement Tracking System (MTS).

The systems are designed and manufactured in the U.S.A., at the DRS Tactical Systems business unit in Melbourne, Florida. Deliveries will begin this year and continue into 2010. The U.S. Army will utilize the Joint Platform Tablet MRT as its next generation computing system for new and previously deployed MTS systems.

The Joint Platform Tablet MRT is designed with expanded capacity to easily upgrade as increased capabilities and future requirements emerge. MRT capabilities include increased processing speed, a removable Hard Disc Drive, an emergency alert button that can signal an urgent situation back to the command and control centre and a NVIS capable 10.4" display. Internal MIL-STD 1275 power filtering eliminates the need for external power adapters, thus reducing the sustainment cost of the total system. The modular docking station allows for quick dismounting of the computer along with flexible configuration of installation kits for various vehicles.