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Ravenswood displaces Saab for British Army Kenya training contract

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Ravenswood Solutions has won the British Army's Tactical Engagement Simulation in Kenya (TESIK) re-competed contract it was announced on the UK Ministry of Defence's Defence Contracts Online (DCO) website on 2 March 2020. It will replace incumbent Saab, which has held the contract since 2010. The contract value is GBP31.6 million (USD40.3 million).

The contract is for a fully managed service to support collective unit training conducted at British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) at up to battle group level for units in the light role (non-mechanised). The announcement said, "TESIK is to enable force elements to conduct realistic, live dry, force on force training whilst movements and combat performance of individuals, nominated vehicles and equipment are tracked, monitored and recorded." The contract is for five years with two optional one-year extensions. The contract is expected to commence in September 2020.

Jane's understands that Ravenswood is partnered with Swiss-based RUAG, which will provide its Gladiator TES system, global logistics provider Agility, and UK-based QinetiQ.

Ravenswood will provide its Mobile Ground Truth Instrumentation (MGTI) system. This is a GPS-based instrumentation system that tracks vehicles, units, and individual participants during exercises or testing events, monitors and records all exercise combat activity, and provides an after-action review (AAR). It is designed to be used with laser engagement system equipment.

The individual trainee communications equipment is the First Responder Enhanced Dismounted Instrumentation (FREDI-2), which is integrated with the laser detector harness and includes GPS. It can also be installed on vehicles. FREDI-2 has a positional reporting update rate of between 0.5 seconds and 3.75 seconds, providing a smooth rendering of locations at exercise control (EXCON).

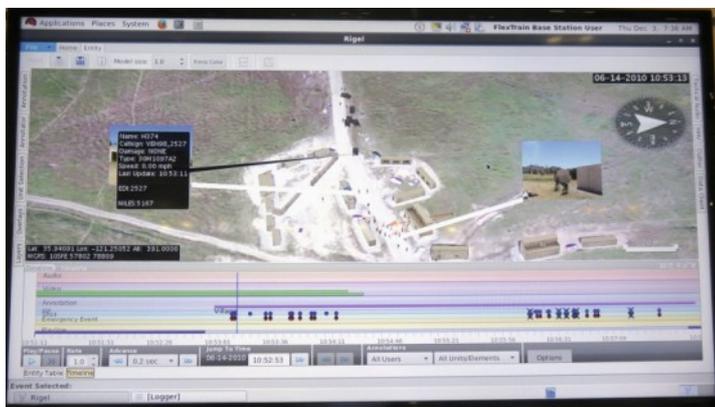
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Screenshot of the ORION exercise control and analysis software in the Ravenswood MGTI system, showing exercise activity with live video and entity identification tag. The exercise timeline is along the bottom. (Giles Ebbutt)

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