

# Ravenswood Solutions displaces Saab for UK military's Kenya training contract

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*Soldiers in Kenya.*

Ravenswood Solutions has won a five-year contract to provide the British Army with training services in Kenya, replacing Saab, which had the contract since 2010.

The new Tactical Engagement Simulation in Kenya (TESIK) contract was announced by the UK Ministry of Defence's Defence Contracts Online portal on 2 March and is valued at 31.6 million pounds.

Ravenswood Solutions said it will provide British troops training in Kenya and other locations with instrumentation, weapon simulators, battlefield effects, and instrumented after-action reviews (I-AARs) in collaboration with Swiss-based laser engagement systems provider RUAG, global logistics provider Agility, and UK-based engineering and technical services corporation QinetiQ.

RUAG's laser-based, live-simulation system (known as Gladiator) will interface with Ravenswood's instrumentation system (known as the Mobile Ground Truth System) to generate high-fidelity exercise data, track troops and vehicles over a large, remote training area, and produce I-AARs to improve training.

Ravenswood said TESI is its first major contract with the UK Ministry of Defence for turnkey exercise support and instrumentation services. The five-year contract has two optional one-year extensions. The contract will run from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2025.

"Team Ravenswood is thrilled to begin building a strong, trust-based partnership with our new client, the UK Ministry of Defence," said Ravenswood CEO Dan Donoghue. "We tailored our best-in-industry capabilities to meet the British Army's training needs, and we are honoured that they have put their trust and confidence in us. We look forward to helping the MOD achieve their desired training outcomes, as well as bridging our current capabilities to their future needs."

The British Army has for many years held training in Kenya under the British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK), with up to six British infantry battalions per year carrying out two month-long exercises in Kenya where they can train in rugged and hot conditions.

BATUK is a permanent training support unit based mainly in Nanyuki, 200 km north of Nairobi, but with a small element in Nairobi. BATUK provides demanding training to exercising units preparing to deploy on operations or assume high-readiness tasks. BATUK consists of around 100 permanent staff and reinforcing short tour cohort of another 280 personnel.

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