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Dutch Digitised Soldier System (D2S2) - Archived 7/2007

Outlook

- Recent detailed public information regarding the Dutch Digitised Soldier System (D2S2) is sparse
- Barring the disclosure of any major D2S2 developments, Forecast International will archive this report in July 2007

Orientation

Description. The Dutch Digitised Soldier System or D2S2 (formerly called the Dutch Dismounted Soldier System) will be a suite of integrated equipment designed to enhance the lethality and survivability of the Dutch dismounted soldier.

Sponsor

Netherlands Ministry of Defence

Royal Netherlands Army

Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research

Status. The Dutch Digitised Soldier System is in research and development.

Application. Dismounted combat.

Contractors

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Thales	http://www.thalesgroup.com , 45, rue de Villiers, Paris, 92526 France, Tel: + 33 1 57 77 80 00, Fax: + 33 1 57 77 86 59, Program Participant (RDT&E)
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Technical Data

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence is using an open-ended phased approach to designing and creating the Dutch Digitised Soldier System. This approach allows for continuous integration of new technology, nonstop processing of new developments, timely responses to changes in similar soldier system programs in other countries, and, where possible, cooperation with other nations. That said, Forecast International believes the Dutch Digitised Soldier System will consist of components that fall into five categories or modules: clothing, equipment, communications and information, armament, and energy supply.

Thales will develop and deliver prototype systems that will be the key components of a communications infrastructure for the Dutch Digitised Soldier System. Prototype systems to be produced by Thales include soldier radios, a central processing computer with a user-friendly control unit, and dedicated soldier and commander interactive displays. This communications infrastructure will be linked to the Netherlands Army's command and control battle management system.

Program Review

In 1998, the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research initiated a project, called the Soldier Modernization Program (SMP), to improve the effectiveness of the Dutch dismounted infantryman. The Dutch Digitised Soldier System is a byproduct of the SMP.

In October 2004, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence awarded Thales a contract to develop and deliver prototype systems that will be the key components of a communications infrastructure for the Dutch Digitised Soldier System.

Funding

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence is funding the Dutch Digitised Soldier System.

Contracts / Orders & Options

<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Award (\$ millions)</u>	<u>Date/Description</u>
Thales	Unknown	Oct 2004 – The Netherlands Ministry of Defence awards Thales a contract to develop and deliver prototype systems that will be the key components of a communications infrastructure for the Dutch Digitised Soldier System. Prototype systems to be produced by Thales include soldier radios, a central processing computer with a user-friendly control unit, and dedicated soldier and commander interactive displays.

Timetable

<u>Year</u>	<u>Major Development</u>
1998	The Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research initiates the Soldier Modernization Program (SMP), from which the Dutch Digitised Soldier System evolves
2004	Thales receives a contract to develop prototype systems that will be the key components of a communications infrastructure for the Dutch Digitised Soldier System

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Worldwide Distribution / Inventories

The D2S2 is exclusive to the **Netherlands**.

Forecast Rationale

The Dutch Digitised Soldier System (D2S2), formerly called the Dutch Dismounted Soldier System, is planned to be a suite of integrated equipment designed to enhance the lethality and survivability of the Dutch dismounted soldier. Public information regarding the

Dutch Digitised Soldier System is sparse (the latest piece of information is an October 2004 contract award to Thales). Barring the disclosure of any major D2S2 developments, Forecast International will archive this report in July 2007.

Ten-Year Outlook

With no outlook forecast and the archiving of this report in July 2007, Forecast International has **omitted** the Ten-Year Outlook chart.

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