



SMS Wins UK MoD Royal Navy Contract

The Directors of Structural Monitoring Systems plc (ASX: SMN) are pleased to announce that the Company has been awarded a UK Ministry of Defence contract to trial its patented Comparative Vacuum Monitoring (CVM™) system on the Royal Navy's Sikorsky Sea King helicopters.

The contract value is approximately A\$58,000, and provides for the Company to fit its technology to 3 aircraft, and will be used to monitor specific areas on the airframe to detect initiation and propagation of cracking at periodic intervals. The installations are scheduled to commence in March 2005.

The trial is significant as it marks the first contract for the Company in the European military market and follows the success of getting CVM™ into the military in Asia, Australia and USA.

In addition the Royal Navy operate 98 Sea King helicopters and is one of the many military operators of Sea Kings in Europe and North America. A successful trial on the Royal Navy Sea Kings will pave the way for installation of CVM™ on the Royal Navy and other operators Sea King fleets, and marks another milestone in the commercialisation of this unique structural monitoring technology.

Enquiries regarding the above announcement or any aspect of the Company's commercialisation program can be directed to Mark Vellacott, Chief Executive Officer on (08) 9204 4844.

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