



£6M win for SEA-led consortium

SEA Group Ltd (with offices in Beckington, Somerset; Keynsham; and Bristol) has finished its financial year on a high note with the award of a significant contract from the Ministry of Defence. The project, entitled Future Dismounted Close Combat, is valued at £6m over a three-year period and will inform future equipment procurements for the highly complex close combat arena. The contract was successfully bid and won through a competition run by the MoD's Research Acquisition Organisation (RAO) working with the Director Equipment Capability (DEC) Ground Manoeuvre.

SEA is pleased to be leading a first class team of major companies, SMEs and academics to deliver on this highly important programme which is central to the equipment needs of UK ground forces over the next two decades. Members of the team include Lockheed Martin UK, Roke Manor Research, Cranfield University, SVGC and IBM. The programme will address many areas of requirement and a number of innovative ideas and concepts are proposed for personal protection, communications, clothing and situational awareness.

Commenting on the award of this important contract win Paul Phillips, Managing Director of SEA's Defence Division said: "We are clearly delighted with this award and look forward to working with our partners and military representatives to provide insight and improvements in the way the modern soldier is equipped. The consortium is able to draw upon many years experience in the military domain and this has obviously been recognised by the award of this contract."