

Thales expands its ALFS repair capabilities in the United States

- Thales, the world leader in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), continues to support the United States Navy and various countries eligible for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program via production, maintenance, and logistics support of the Airborne Low Frequency Sonar (ALFS) system.
- For more than 20 years the U.S. Navy has deployed the ALFS system which is based on the FLASH (Folding Light Acoustic System for Helicopters) dipping sonar family of products.
- Onboard the U.S. Navy and other Navies' ASW MH-60R helicopters, the ALFS anti-submarine warfare system is capable of detecting and classifying submarines.



ALFS dipping sonar on-board MH-60R helicopter © Lockheed Martin

Thales Defense & Security, Inc. today announces a key milestone in the primary sustainment activities for ALFS having serviced more than 1,300 subsystems over the past eight years. For more than 20 years, Thales Defense & Security, Inc. has been the primary sustainment service provider for ALFS demonstrating a continued commitment to onshore maintenance in the United States.

Thales Defense & Security, Inc. is increasing its U.S. based sustainment capabilities by bringing additional repair operations onshore to further increase the throughput of repairs already performed in the U.S. These new processes bring a majority of the repairs closer to the Navy

providing shorter turnaround times that enhance readiness. Additionally, this will enable the development of new skills and create more U.S. jobs.

This further supports the recent contract Thales signed with Lockheed Martin RMS for additional ALFS system deliveries and for continued sustainment support under Seahawk Performance-Based Logistics (PBL).

Mike Sheehan, President & CEO, Thales Defense & Security, Inc., said “*we are very proud to expand our domestic U.S. support to the U.S. Navy for the ALFS systems. It is a decisive advantage to be closer to our customer and reaffirm our commitments to providing U.S. based capabilities.*”

Gwendoline Blandin-Roger, Managing Director Underwater systems, said “*thanks to this new achievement, Thales strongly raises its ability to support the U.S. Navy from the USA whilst providing the best of breed Anti-Submarine Warfare operational systems and technology for the benefit of the U.S. Navy.*”

Note to Editors

The Thales ALFS systems are from the same product family of airborne anti-submarine dipping sonars as FLASH and Compact FLASH but each product has variances due to system destinations and the technological requirements to comply with local laws including U.S. ITAR.

About Thales

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies, investing in digital and “deep tech” innovations – connectivity, big data, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and quantum computing – to build a confident future crucial for the development of our societies. The Group provides its customers – businesses, organisations and governments – in the defense, aeronautics, space, transport, and digital identity and security domains with solutions, services and products that help them fulfil their critical role, consideration for the individual being the driving force behind all decisions.

Thales has 81,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2020 the Group generated sales of €17 billion.

About Thales in the USA

In the United States, Thales has conducted significant research and development, manufacturing, and service capabilities for more than 100 years. Today, Thales is present in 22 states, operating 46 different facilities and employing nearly 4,000 people. Working closely with U.S. customers and local partners, Thales is able to meet the most complex requirements for every operating environment.

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