

Honeywell Aerospace inks pact with Tata Power

Honeywell Aerospace has signed an agreement with Tata Power to enable it to produce the US-based firm's tactical advanced land inertial navigators (Talin) in India.

"Honeywell Aerospace has signed a licensing agreement with Tata Power's strategic engineering division (SED) enabling it to produce Honeywell's Talin in India," a release issued here said.

This Honeywell-patented technology enables vehicles and artillery to navigate very precisely even where GPS satellite guidance is not available.

"Our strategic agreement with Honeywell supports our SED's commitment to the 'Make in India' initiative – a priority for the new government.

"This agreement sets the standard for locally produced defence technologies to sustain India's military growth and mission success over the coming years," Tata Power SED Chief Executive Rahul Chaudhry said.

Tata Power has completed this technology sharing arrangement, which will offer the Indian armed forces a state-of-the-art inertial navigation technology, made in India and with local product support, he added.

Honeywell will license the design, hardware and expertise to assemble, test and, in the future, build the production kits for Talin to Tata Power SED.

"Talin represents the latest in GPS-free navigation and positioning technology, designed to improve asset safety and ultimately mission success.

"By partnering with Tata Power, we are aligning with the government's aim of increasing locally manufactured technologies for India's defence industry and giving the Indian armed forces an easy-to-justify option for navigation on the 21st century battlefield," said Arijit Ghosh, President—India, Honeywell Aerospace.

Production and manufacturing of the system components is expected by 2016.

At this time, the agreement will also be extended to cover Honeywell's Talin 3000, 4000 and 5000 products, which offer varying capabilities to suit a wide range of operational requirements.

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