Boeing Rolls Out First SLAM-ER for Republic of Korea

The first Boeing [NYSE:BA] Standoff Land Attack Missile-Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) for the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) rolled out recently during a ceremony at Boeing's Weapons Enterprise Capability Center in St. Charles, Mo.

The Republic of Korea is the SLAM-ER's first international customer. The ROKAF will use the SLAM-ER on its fleet of Boeing-built F-15K multi-role fighters, which arrive in Korea this fall.

"We have been working with the ROKAF since 2002 with the SLAM-ER, but the company's weapons' relationship with Korea goes back to 1976 with Harpoon," said Boeing Director of International Naval Weapons Programs Kevin Hanley. "So we are very pleased to have Korea as SLAM-ER's first international customer."

At the ceremony, Col. Lee, Yoon-sang, Director of ROKAF's Fighter Program Division, thanked the dedicated Boeing dedicated employees who produce the SLAM-ER weapon.

"It will greatly enhance the F-15K and further enable us in our efforts to deter war in the Korean Peninsula," said Col. Lee. "SLAM-ER's ability to accurately strike targets on land and at sea will provide a tremendous advantage to ROKAF pilots."

Other countries may soon realize those advantages as well. A NATO country recently selected SLAM-ER for integration on its F-16 aircraft, and SLAM-ER is competing in the Air 5418 Follow-on Stand-off Weapon program for the Australian Defense Force.

The all-weather, over-the-horizon, precision-strike SLAM-ER with its 500-pound warhead is recognized by the U.S. Navy as the most accurate weapon in its inventory.

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