Brimstone Completes Operational Testing With a Flurry of Strikes

Brimstone, the anti-armor, air-to-surface missile built for the United Kingdom Royal Air Force (RAF), successfully finished operational testing and is ready to be deployed in the field.

"Brimstone, with its flexible targeting and engagement modes, provides a new level of effectiveness to the warfighter," said Dave Sutton, Boeing [NYSE: BA] program manager for Brimstone. "It's very accurate. During these system evaluation trials at China Lake , Brimstone went 21 for 22, destroying stationary and moving tanks and other armored vehicles."

Brimstone successfully engaged targets from various altitudes with salvos of up to six missiles. It is a complete weapon system comprised of a carriage and three missiles that can be used in a variety of roles providing quick response and low collateral damage. Brimstone, carried on the RAF Tornado, is being integrated on the Harrier, and the U.S. is considering the Brimstone for the F/A-18E/F and A-10.

Boeing provides MBDA, Brimstone's prime contractor, with missile subsystems, smart launchers and weapon integration support.

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