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Hawker Beechcraft and ATK to Demonstrate Weapons System



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) and ATK (NYSE: ATK) today announced an upcoming demonstration of ATK's Guided Advanced Tactical Rocket (GATR) from HBC's AT-6 Light Attack and Armed Reconnaissance (LAAR) aircraft. The demonstration is expected to take place in the late fall of this year.

"We are excited to showcase the capabilities of this weapon system on the AT-6," said Jim Maslowski, HBC president, U.S. and International Government Business. "GATR's low cost and very low collateral damage make it an excellent choice to prosecute the LAAR mission."

GATR is a 70mm precision system that uses a Semi-Active Laser guidance package to achieve extreme accuracy against both stationary and moving targets. With GATR, the pilot is able to lock-on before launch to ensure that only the target of interest is engaged, providing precision strike with much less collateral damage at a significantly lower cost than current guided missiles.

GATR's tracking and guidance algorithms achieve one-meter accuracy against stationary and moving targets and its advanced Insensitive Munitions warhead gives it the ability to provide blast/frag penetration of hardened targets.

GATR is deployed from a light-weight 2.75"/70mm Modernized Rocket Launcher in a seven-tube configuration for fixed-wing platforms and either a seven or 19-tube configuration for rotary wing platforms. GATR can be used for air-to-ground and ground-to-ground missions, including military operations in urban terrain.

Leveraging its successes as a supplier to militaries around the globe, HBC has developed the AT-6, which is designed and built to provide close air support and light attack capabilities required to meet the Department of Defense's Building Partnership Capacity needs. The AT-6 is outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment such as Pratt and Whitney Canada's PTA-68D powerplant, CMC Esterline's mission modified Cockpit 4000, Lockheed Martin's A-10C-based mission system and L-3 WESCAM's MX-15Di EO/IR sensor pod. The aircraft is also equipped with an ALQ-213 EW Management System, ARC-210 radios with secure voice/data and SATCOM capabilities, and a wide variety of weapons capability required to excel in meeting irregular warfare mission requirements.

ATK is an aerospace, defense, and commercial products company with operations in 23 states, Puerto Rico, and internationally, and revenues of approximately \$4.8 billion. News and information can be found on the Internet at www.atk.com.

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