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VIPIR-2+ Thermal Weapon Sight

Providing Enhanced Capability to UK MOD SISTA Programme

Leading UK night vision equipment developer, Qioptiq Ltd, has supplied a variant of its VIPIR-2 Thermal Weapon Sight Family to the UK MoD in support of the recent Synergistic Individual Surveillance & Target Acquisition (SISTA) programme.

Qioptiq's VIPIR-2+ Thermal Weapon Sight is a longer range variant of the UK MOD's Light Weight Thermal Imager – LWTI, which was further adapted to meet the requirements of the SISTA-equipped soldier by providing specific additional capabilities, including:

- Longer range performance
- Addition of mounting rails for integration of the SISTA Close Quarter Battle (CQB) sight
- Addition of an Infrared Laser Pointer for target identification and hands off capability
- Specific aiming marks tailored to meet the various section weapon requirements

The SISTA variant has been classified as VIPIR2+F and the units were delivered under demanding lead-times during the last quarter of 2007 in support of the wider SISTA UOR.

The VIPIR2+F will be deployed alongside other variants already in service and will be supported within the overarching support contract in place for the wide range of STANO equipment currently deployed.

David Marks, Managing Director Qioptiq Limited, said, "Qioptiq is extremely proud to be involved with the delivery of enhanced capability to our UK forces deployed on operations. Our involvement in the SISTA UOR has further demonstrated that Qioptiq is committed to supporting our troops, and we will continue to do so when called upon by UK Ministry of Defence, Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S). This development also further demonstrates the flexibility and adaptability of the VIPIR-2 family of Thermal Weapon and Surveillance sights, and we look forward to continuing the development of the VIPIR family in order to bring further enhancements to the Future Dismounted User."

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About Qioptiq

Qioptiq is an international leader in the design and manufacture of high-precision optical components and modules for military and commercial applications. Qioptiq has its core operations in the UK, Germany and Singapore as well as other manufacturing and sales units throughout the world. The company employs over 2,400 people and generated revenues of US\$360 million in 2007.

In the UK, Qioptiq specialises in developing and producing complex optical modules and components for applications including aerospace, defence and night-vision operation. Its technologically advanced product range includes optical modules for cockpit head-up displays and infrared optical modules and night-vision equipment

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