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## **Saab Grintek Technologies together with its partners Integcomm, EADS Defence & Security have been selected to supply TETRA radio communication network to the South African Police Service in Eastern Cape.**

**Saab Grintek Technologies will, as a subcontractor to Integcomm, supply the transmission back-bone microwave network, IP MPLS transmission network, mobile data system including mobile video transmission, voice data and video recording system, WiMax 802.16e broadband radio network, status and alarm monitoring system, network engineering and integration services and network installation services.**

Integcomm has won a close-to-a-billion rand contract to build a digital command-and-control network for the South African Police Service (SAPS), in the Eastern Cape.

EADS Secure Networks, an integrated activity of EADS Defence & Security, will supply the technology and bring in the best of its roll out experience gathered along the numerous radio communication networks the company has already implemented.

"The contract requires Integcomm to supply, deliver, test, commission and successfully operate the TETRA communication network for the Eastern Cape police" said SAPS spokesperson, Senior superintendent Lindela Mashigo. "Work on the terrestrial trunked radio (TETRA) network will begin in April and will take roughly five years to complete" he added. "SAPS expect all provinces to have TETRA-based command-and-control, as well as 10111 dispatching by 2015".

"We believe that this network is the first of its kind, where integrated TETRA and WiMAX technology will be used for state-of-the-art Public Safety Command, Control and Dispatching communications, including mobile video transmission. It could provide unprecedented levels of SAPS work force management and optimisation, thereby greatly improving crime fighting efficiencies," says Johan Herselman of Saab Grintek Technologies and Chairman of the Southern African TETRA Association.





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"This contract is a clear sign of how much Integcomm is committed to improve the security in South Africa and we are proud to present the solution that best suits the concrete needs of police officers" said DJJ Scholtz, Midway Two Group Executive Chairman.

"This major step in South Africa is of highest importance for our company and we will naturally work hand in hand day after day with Integcomm to provide the SAPS with a robust and versatile radio communication system, with both future-proof voice and data features" said Dirk Borchardt, General Director of EADS Secure Networks.

More than 200 base stations will be installed to ensure a flawless coverage of the province, where around 7 million people live. Around 10,000 EADS terminals are also part of the deal.

The network will be ready for TETRA Enhanced Data Service (TEDS), thus ensuring an easy slide into the next generation TETRA technology.

Some 16,000 provincial officers will rely on the system to communicate clearly and securely with their colleagues on the field. They can expect a great deal of improvements in their day-to-day operations thanks to the clarity of their communications with colleagues over EADS terminals.

The prime contractor for this contract is Integcomm which is part of the Midway Two group of companies, a Black Economic Empowerment South African firm employing over 10,000 people.

Saab Grintek Technologies is a leading technology company based in South Africa recognised globally for its innovative high tech electronics, with focus on ICT, energy management and global connectivity services.

Saab serves the global market with world-leading products, services and solutions ranging from military defence to civil security. Saab has operations and employees on all continents and constantly develops, adopts and improves new technology to meet customers' changing needs.

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