



Schiebel CAMCOPTER® S-100 completes acceptance testing in UAE

ABU DHABI - The Schiebel CAMCOPTER® S-100 VTOL UAV System has passed its acceptance trials in the United Arab Emirates with flying colours. The S-100 reached an altitude of 13,000 feet (3,962 m) with almost full gross weight, airspeeds in excess of 100 kts (185 km/h) and demonstrated its ability to stay aloft for six hours carrying a 25 kg (55 lbs) payload with ease, meeting or exceeding the planned performance envelope. All acceptance trials were conducted in Abu Dhabi in desert conditions with temperatures well in excess of 35°C and surface winds during some flights reaching 25 kts.

The United Arab Emirates' UAV Research and Technology Center (UAVRTC) has contributed heavily to the S-100 (UAE designation "Al Saber") test and development programme, and has ordered eighty Aerial Vehicles. Delivery is scheduled to start in June 2006 at a rate of four series-production aircrafts per month. To accommodate the volume of this order, Schiebel has established a production facility in the UAE under the sponsorship of the UAE UAVRTC,

concentrating on advanced composite production and assembly of the S-100.

"On behalf of the UAE leadership, I would like to express how proud we are of the success of this program, and would like to thank all who have contributed, both from the UAE and Schiebel, for their dedication in achieving the goals set forth by our leadership," said Col. Mahash Al Hameli, Chief of the UAVRTC, during a brief ceremony following the final acceptance flights.

Hans G. Schiebel, CEO of Schiebel Industries AG, expressed his confidence in the future. "What we have seen over the past few days is a demonstration of the maturity of this immensely capable system, and we look forward to continuing success in the coming years as the S-100 is produced and brought into service in the UAE and with our other customers." - Times Report

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