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Schiebel demonstrates Camcopter-100 UAS capability in Spain



The Camcopter S-100 Unmanned Air System (UAS) successfully demonstrated in a series of flights its capabilities to the Spanish Military and a number of other Spanish Government Departments during the period of 3 through 5 November 2010.

In Spain, once again Schiebel's unmanned helicopter Camcopter S-100 convinced representatives of the Spanish Military and a number of other Spanish Government Departments of its outstanding capabilities as a VTOL UAS, after series of sorties were flown from the Torregorda land test site. In support, a number of presentations were given to the attending officers, covering the unique capabilities of the S-100

and its extensive portfolio of available payloads.

Several mission profiles were flown, demonstrating the UAS manual and automatic modes whilst highlighting its wider capabilities and flexibility. The scenarios were chosen by the Spanish Authorities and included littoral surveillance, stand-off surveillance and vehicle tracking sorties. The demonstrations were carried out with the full support of Schiebel's partners in Spain, Sener Systems S.A. and APSA, who were instrumental in ensuring that all clearance, certification and logistics issues were properly addressed. This partnership collectively makes a formidable team of experts, dedicated to customer satisfaction and meeting the Spanish UAS needs of the future. Accordingly, the Camcopter S-100 sorties, carrying the Thales Optronics Agile 2 EO/IR sensor were completely successful, demonstrating the mature and extensive capabilities of the system.

Feedback from the visiting officers was extremely positive and the Schiebel, Sener S.A. and APSA team looks forward to working closely with the Spanish Authorities in the future. Building on the continued success of the Camcopter S-100, a number of exciting developments are in the pipeline. Mr Hans Georg Schiebel, company owner and Chairman, commented, The development of this system is a continual and iterative process we never stop striving for absolute perfection. Most notably, the introduction of an advanced heavy fuel engine, the integration of a highly capable maritime radar and 360° data link coverage for maritime operations add to the CamcopterS-100's already impressive catalogue and pedigree. Schiebel's Managing Director, Neil Hunter, said, This demonstration shows yet again, that the Camcopter S-100 is the class-leading UAS for VTOL operations. Schiebel has acquired a unique experience in this category of UAS with more than 100 Camcopter S-100 operating throughout the world. Its generic capabilities remain unsurpassed; we are proud of its heritage and look forward to building on our success. The flexibility this VTOL system offers, gives it unparalleled capability when supporting military forces and other Governmental Departments, not forgetting, of course, the many civilian applications of the system".