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Airbus awards 'Best Innovator Overall' for Defence and Space business to Kappa optronics

Kappa optronics receives the award as recognition for its innovation activities on the A330 MRTT Boom Enhanced Vision System.

Airbus revealed the winners of its best in class Defence and Space awards with an official ceremony at its 5th Supplier Conference on May 16, 2019. The four winners, among them Kappa optronics, were selected from the entire supply chain of more than 10,000 suppliers.

Barbara Bergmeier, Head of Operations at Airbus Defence and Space, said, “our suppliers are key to our global success and we are pleased to have the opportunity to recognise the top performers on this stage and –in turn –further support our long term business relationships and performance.” The Best Innovator Overall award was presented to Kappa Optronics GmbH for their “highly engaged collaboration” with Airbus Defence and Space in the development of the new generation of cameras for the MRTT—the new generation tanker and strategic transport aircraft.

The tanker aircraft Airbus A330 MRTT (Multi-Role Tanker Transport) will be upgraded to improve its in-flight refueling operations, even at night. Since the project’s beginnings, camera and vision system provider Kappa optronics has been a key supplier for the Airbus A330 MRTT and its Boom Enhanced Vision System (BEVS®) that sets standards industry wide with regard to security and performance. The overall system design is tailored so that receiver aircraft pilots will be able to execute this highly complex and dangerous in-flight refueling process safely as well as ergonomics are significantly improved. Kappa’s expanded technology portfolio encompasses vision systems for day and night vision. The Airbus MRTT project offers the opportunity to decisively develop camera technology further, making its use more efficient for various air and ground applications. The entire team at Kappa optronics thanks Airbus for this great recognition!

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Photo 1:
Airbus Defence and Space supplier award
“Kappa - Best Innovator Overall”

Photo 2:
Alberto Badaya (Airbus Defence and Space, Head of Equipment & Systems), Christian Stickl (Kappa optronics, CEO), Alejandro Prensa (Kappa optronics, Global Account Manager) and Sabine Klauke (Airbus Defence and Space, Head of Engineering)

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Kappa has 40 years of experience with application-specific cameras and vision systems in rugged and certifiable design – in both small and mid-sized series. We offer innovative vision solutions for day and night operations, ensuring maximum performance of higher level systems. Our solutions are especially suitable for safety-critical applications. We provide on-site consulting, dynamic project management, and a highly experienced development team. Special signal processing, mechanical modifications and customer-specific interface configuration are all part of the Kappa concept, as are integration of optical components, illumination and video management. We are leaders in technology. Moreover, we meet all safety requirements on design assurance procedures in hardware and software development, qualification and certification (up to SIL 2/ASIL-B/ DAL-B, ISO 26262, DO-254, DO-160, DO-178, MIL STD 810/704, Nato-Supplier Code C4792).