

Commander of Joint Forces Command opens Global MilSatCom 2017

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, November 7, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- General Sir Chris Deverell KCB MBE ADC Gen, Commander of Joint Forces Command, provided the opening address at [SMi Group's Global MilSatCom 2017](#) in London.

In his speech, the General said, "There are positive changes taking place, principally around commercial investment in space-related R&D. As in the field of micro-electronics, it is no longer governments and defence departments who are driving innovation, and this is leading to greater accessibility and lower costs. I commend this, because our demand for space services continues to increase.

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"Our Government recognises the vital importance of working closely with industry. That is why it published a National Space Policy and acknowledged the importance of space to our prosperity and security in the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review."

Alia Malick, Director of SMi Group's [MilSatCom portfolio of events](#) says, "We are very proud to have the Joint Forces Command supporting Global MilSatCom, as we at SMi continue to aim to give our audience access to a high level of experts and decision makers within the satcom industry. This level of participation will further establish the show as the must-attend event for satellite professionals. Again, we would like to thank the UK MoD for their continued support."

SMi Group's [Global MilSatCom 2017](#), which takes place on 7-9 November, has gathered 500 international senior military and key industry representatives to network, benchmark, and learn about the latest developments and issues in SatCom technology. Key themes include the GovSatCom initiative, the Wideband Analysis of Alternatives, satcom-on-the-move, addressing commercial challenges, and updates on future military capabilities.

Some of the esteemed speakers this year include a high calibre of military representatives from nations including Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg,



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Netherlands, Nigeria, New Zealand, Spain, UK and USA.

The event has also seen presence of senior decision makers within the industry including Advantech Wireless, Aerospace Corporation, Boeing, ComTech, CUBIC | GATR Technologies, ETL Systems, Eutelsat, GovSat, Hughes Network Systems, IAI Elta, Inmarsat, Inster, Intelsat, IZT, Kratos, L3 Technologies, Laser Communications Coalition, Lockheed Martin, Newtec, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Scisys, Thales, Unique Broadband Systems, ViaSat, XTAR and more.

The full roster of speakers and exhibitors for Global MilSatCom 2017 can be found on www.globalmilsatcom.com/ein.

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