

Rovsing signs two contracts for ExoMars 2020 based on Distributed Simulation & Test Environment (DSTE)

Rovsing has signed two contracts with Celestia STS (C-STS), Noordwijk, NL to close out work originally contracted by SSBV Space & Ground, the former partner company of Rovsing, which went bankrupt in December 2015.

The two contracts encompass the delivery of avionics testing systems based on the DSTE product family and have a total value of 391.5 k€ (2.91 Mio. DKK). They will be used in ESA's ExoMars 2020 programme and allow the mission's Prime contractor, Thales-Alenia Space Italy (TAS-I) in Turin, Italy, to test and verify parts of the spacecraft's avionics.

The first contract on the "Rover Vehicle Interface Simulator" (hereafter RVIS) dates back to 2014, when SSBV originally contracted Rovsing. While Rovsing had delivered the major part of the simulator until end 2015, the bankruptcy of SSBV interrupted the proper closeout of the deliveries and maintenance activities. This contract now re-establishes contractual links between TAS-I, C-STS, and Rovsing to allow for closing out deliveries and conduct commissioning, training, and maintenance activities.

The second contract on the "Descent Module to Carrier Module Interface Simulator" (DCIS) and Descent Module & SpaceCraft Composite Data Handling (DH) Special Check-Out Equipment (SCOE)" (hereafter DCIS/DH SCOE) was launched in 2015, but signature was interrupted by the SSBV bankruptcy. No deliveries were done so far, so that the newly established contract allows for a go-ahead with the full scope of the original contract, encompassing DSTE based deliveries, commissioning, training, and maintenance.

"Seen together with the ExoMars Rover Software Verification and Validation (ISVV) activities, ExoMars is an important programme for Rovsing. These signatures put relations to an important customer back on track." says Cristian Bank, CEO of Rovsing. "DCIS/DH closes out the DSTE know-how transfer programme originally agreed with SSBV for 2013", adds Jorge Jimenez Perez, Rovsing's System Engineer for the DSTE business (ref. announcement no. 140 dd. 2012-12-06).

Following the delivery of JUICE Spacecraft Interface Simulators in late 2016 / early 2017 and other systems based on DSTE products, these contracts confirm Rovsing as supplier of avionics testing systems in Europe.

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