In a first, S Korean defence firm enters India

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Bengaluru, Feb 15: For the first time ever, a South Korean defence major, Hanwha Systems, is entering the Indian market after entering a collaboration with Samtel Avionics, a leading manufacturer of high-technology products for avionics and military applications. The new partnership is announced to bring in synergies of both the companies for guided missile, EOIR, radar and laser-guided bombs (LGB).

Talking to FE on the sidelines of Aero India 2017, Samtel Avionics MD and CEO Puneet Kaura said, “Besides following Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Act East’ policy, this tie-up the top South Korean defence company Hanwha Systems will enable us to reduce the gap that is currently existing in guided weapon, electronic warfare (EW) and future combat systems.”

Presently, 70-mm rockets are being imported, and the Korean defence company will share all the technology and is ready to Make in India later, Kaura added.

The Korean company, as a defence electronics company, has maintained a leading role in advancing the defence capabilities of Korea. The company is capable of providing total solutions for ground, naval and air command, control, communication, computer & Intelligence (C4I), guided weapon, EW and future combat systems.