

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Swarm Systems receives MOD contract for an 'Autonomous Hovering MAV Swarm'**

Swarm Systems Ltd was today awarded a UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) contract for developing and demonstrating an 'Autonomous Hovering MAV Swarm'. The contract was awarded by MOD's new Centre for Defence Enterprise (CDE). Swarm Systems is to demonstrate 18 swarm innovations at the end of 2009. Several of these innovations will be demonstrated in a 'perch, grip and stare' capability in which a swarm of MAVs can settle in an area of interest and send back video and sensor information around the clock.

Swarm Systems is a global leader in the development of hovering Micro Air Vehicle (MAV) Swarms. It was founded in May 2007 and is based in London. CEO Stephen Crampton welcomed the new contract, saying: "MOD recognises that swarms of MAVs represent a major step forwards in defence capability, particularly in the reconnaissance and surveillance areas. This demonstration-oriented project is a major opportunity to position ourselves for gaining our first equipment procurement programme with MOD."