Title: Capability Acquisition - insights from real programmes

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Abstract:

Effects based operations require a focus on the coordination and integration of all aspects of Military Capability, in a System of Systems context. The UK MoD have been undertaking two Pathfinder programmes looking at Through Life Capability Management and these have been formative in delivering both through-life management processes and specific content around two major capability areas. The two programmes will complete their first phase in March 2007 and the author has been the Industry lead, both in establishing these two formative Programmes and supporting them during their execution. The paper will give background, insights and lessons from these demanding, capability focussed, delivery activities covering both the MoD and Industry perspectives, and the impact on skills needed to execute capability based acquisition.