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Rheinmetall: Leopard 2 Expertise at CANSEC 2012

Mechanized forces consisting of main battle tanks and infantry fighting vehicles continue to be an essential element of modern high-mobility warfare.

A combat vehicle that has proven indispensable in recent decades is the Leopard 2 main battle tank.

Canada is a longstanding member of the world's far-flung family of Leopard user nations having also operated the previous generation Leopard 1. The Canadian armed forces deployed the battle-tested Leopard 2 with great success in Afghanistan. On operations in Afghanistan intensive use of the system far exceeded the original requirements profile.

The name Rheinmetall is closely associated with the Leopard 2: out of a total of 2,125 Leopard 2A4 tanks for the German Army, Rheinmetall completely built 977 in Kiel on behalf of the German and Dutch armed forces.

Rheinmetall Canada is the point of contact for the Leopard 2 family in the Canadian market, having already won a major contract for the overhaul of 42 Leopard 2A4. The company is able to offer full in-service support throughout the system's entire lifecycle, making sure users can obtain everything they need from a single source. Expensive gaps in maintenance are never an issue. Moreover, combat performance upgrades can also be planned and implemented. Following substantial investment to improve Rheinmetall Canada's infrastructure, the Group has successfully begun modifying 42 former Dutch main battle tanks to meet Canadian Army requirements, enabling their progressive inclusion in existing command structures starting in 2012. Rheinmetall Canada and its sister company Rheinmetall Landsysteme are cooperating very closely in this program. One of these Leopard 2 MBTs is on display at CANSEC 2012.

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