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Rheinmetall takes over Swiss Simtec AG, widening its lead in the world of military simulation

Rheinmetall Defence's strategic acquisition of Swiss Simtec AG of Thun, Switzerland, significantly expands the Group's military simulation expertise. The relevant competition authorities have already approved Rheinmetall's complete takeover of the company.

Swiss Simtec AG focuses primarily on live and virtual simulation for ground forces applications.

As far as the Group's portfolio is concerned, the takeover makes good sense, especially since combat simulation and simulation-supported tactical training play an increasingly important role in modern armed forces. Rheinmetall is already developing and/or operating training centres for a number of international customers which enable deployment-oriented training of major formations.

Switzerland is one of the Rheinmetall Simulation and Training business unit's most important customers for ground forces-oriented solutions. For many years, Rheinmetall has been successfully supporting major Swiss Army projects such as ELSA, ELTAM and FATRAN. Recently, Rheinmetall has accounted for some 90% of Swiss Simtec AG sales, mainly relating to software development for virtual and live simulation.

The company's geographic proximity to the Swiss Army's training centre in Thun and to armasuisse, the Swiss procurement authority in Bern, should also have a positive impact on Rheinmetall sales in Switzerland.

Swiss Simtec AG's core business is the development and fabrication of prototypes and full-production systems, including hardware and software for military clients.

Together with Rheinmetall Defence Electronics in Bremen, Swiss Simtec plans to grow the company by having its own sales personnel in Switzerland, helping it expand into new segments of the market, especially engineering simulation, command simulation, live simulation and other simulation-related services.

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