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Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles lands major military truck order in Australia worth €1.1 billion

The Australian Defence Force has contracted with Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles GmbH (RMMV) of Germany, a joint venture company of Rheinmetall AG and MAN Truck & Bus AG, to supply it with an extensive fleet of advanced logistical vehicles. Under a far-reaching modernization programme, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is procuring some 2500 protected and non-protected logistical vehicles from Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia. The recently signed contract is worth €1.1 billion (AUD 1.58 billion).

This order reinforces RMMV's role as one of the world's leading makers of military wheeled vehicles. In a hard-fought contest, Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia overcame rival bids from top European and American competitors thanks to a compelling proposal that met the customer's demanding specifications in every category.

Following a meticulous selection process, the Australian military have thus opted for RMMV's tried-and-tested, high-mobility, extremely robust family of vehicles. The new vehicles will replace the ADF's current fleet, which is made up of equipment from a number of different manufacturers. These state-of-the-art RMMV systems will enhance the Australian military's operational effectiveness and mobility as well as assuring improved crew survivability. In addition, having a uniform fleet will result in synergy effects with regard to spare parts, maintenance and training, resulting in substantially lower operating costs.

Under this order, which forms part of Phase 3B of Australia's "Land 121" modernization programme, Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia will be supplying trucks in a number of different weight classes in various configurations. These include medium and heavyweight recovery vehicles, heavy-duty logistical vehicles, integrated load handling systems as well as medium-sized cargo bed variants with cranes, fuel and water modules and tipper bodies.

The first vehicles of "Land 121" Phase 3B are to be delivered starting in 2016, with the contract due for completion in 2020.

RMMV is the Rheinmetall Group's centre of excellence for logistical and tactical wheeled vehicles. Its Australian subsidiary will be in charge of managing this major procurement project. The vehicles themselves will be built at the RMMV plant in Vienna, Austria, where the order will assure a high level of capacity utilization for several years. Other tasks such as production of modules and some bodies, vehicle and C4I integration will be performed at Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia and its local partner companies.

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