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Textron and Rheinmetall: Experts for the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle Program

The Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) will provide the Canadian Forces with the optimal balance of survivability, mobility and versatility, while delivering outstanding performance in the world's most challenging environments. Extensively tested to confirm ballistic, blast, mobility and reliability levels, the TAPV has been engineered to meet and exceed Canada's requirements.

In October 2012 Rheinmetall AG and Textron Systems Canada Inc., a Textron Inc. company, announced that they have signed a €160 million (\$205 million CAD) contract for work on the Canadian Forces TAPV project, performed by Rheinmetall Canada Inc., Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

Rheinmetall Canada will earn €120 million (\$152 million CAD) during the TAPV program's production phase – performing critical engineering and production work at its facility in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. The contract includes €40 million (\$53 million CAD) Rheinmetall Canada will earn providing Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) and as the primary in-service support hub for the vehicle fleet during its service life. It also fulfills a portion of Textron's participation in Canada's Industrial and Regional Benefits (IRB) Policy arising from the government's purchase of 500 Textron TAPVs.

During the production phase of the TAPV fleet, Rheinmetall will perform the critical final assembly and test of the vehicles. Rheinmetall will also integrate essential sub-systems such as the Remotely Controlled Weapon Station, the Vehicle Navigation System and the Driver Vision Enhancement System. The production phase of the acquisition contract is expected to span from July 2014 to March 2016.

Once fielded, Rheinmetall will provide In-Service Support (ISS) for the entire TAPV fleet, also at its facility in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

ISS will start with Initial Operational Capability when the first 47 vehicles are delivered, planned for 2014, and is expected to end in 2021, five years after the last vehicle is delivered.

"This partnership with Textron Systems is of strategic importance to Rheinmetall Canada," said Rheinmetall Canada's President and CEO, Dr. Andreas Knackstedt. "We are extremely pleased to work with Textron Systems delivering state of the art equipment to the Army, and value for taxpayers' money, while creating highly skilled jobs in Canada."

In June 2012, the Textron TAPV Team, led by Textron Systems Canada, was selected to manufacture 500 Canadian Forces Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicles with options for up to 100 more. The TAPV contract has a value of \$603.4 million CAD, with an additional five-year in-service support contract of \$105.4 million CAD.

Ottawa-based Textron Systems Canada, as prime contractor, will provide overall TAPV program and configuration management, act as design authority for change management, coordinate vehicle integration activities by Canadian subcontractors, and manage the In-Service Support contract. Textron Systems Canada will also be implementing a pan-Canadian Industrial and Regional Benefits program designed to bring new expertise and opportunities to Canadian companies.

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