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## **Rheinmetall: Extended cooperation with Tawazun in the production of Oerlikon Skyshield components**

Tawazun Precision Industries (TPI), the precision manufacturer and subsidiary of the Tawazun Group, has announced a partnership with Rheinmetall Air Defence, a subsidiary of the Germany-based Rheinmetall Defence. The agreement will see TPI and Rheinmetall Air Defence collaborate for the production of several major components for the Oerlikon Skyshield C-RAM System (a state-of-the-art system designed to defend civilian or military assets from attacks) which historically have been produced by other foreign contractors in the past.

TPI already delivered the first components to Rheinmetall Air Defence for implementation in the Skyshield System. This industrial partnership between TPI and Rheinmetall Air Defence entails a joint sharing of expertise and technology between both companies. It sheds light on TPI's ability to compete in an international market that requires sophisticated manufacturing of precision Air Defence Gun and Fire Control System components. All future Oerlikon Skyshield C-RAM System marketed worldwide will comprise various components manufactured by the UAE-based TPI.

Muatassem Awda, Chief Executive Officer of Tawazun Precision Industries said: "The UAE is steadily being recognized as an industrial hub, and TPI is playing an important role by contributing to the evolving precision manufacturing industry. As a UAE-based company, we are proud to have signed a long term agreement with yet another international customer, which is testament that we are being recognized as a strong partner that can deliver precision components to the highest quality in support of their global needs."

"We are very proud to have found in TPI a reliable partner who guarantees us a high level of skill to help enable Rheinmetall Air Defence deliver on its commitment to serve our global market, and support the role TPI is playing in contributing to the UAE's industrial backbone," said Kurt Rossner, CEO of Rheinmetall Air Defence.

TPI acts as both a manufacturer and a service center to a number of UAE-based operating companies and agents, as well as internationally renowned organizations delivering components to the oil & gas, aerospace and defense sectors.

### **About Rheinmetall**

Around the globe, the armed forces of more than 40 nations have come to rely on the multifaceted, automated and highly effective air defence solutions produced by Rheinmetall.

In the domain of cannon-based air defence technology, Rheinmetall is the global leader and the sole single-source supplier of battle management systems, fire control systems, automatic cannon, integrated missile launchers and Ahead ammunition. One of the company's core competencies is the development and manufacture of advanced air defence systems as well as simulators and training systems. Among others, the company's best-known products are its widely introduced Oerlikon Skyguard Air Defence System and the Oerlikon Skyshield generation with its pioneering Revolver Guns.

Orders from customers around the world underscore Rheinmetall's status as a globally leading supplier of advanced, readily available modular products for the modern military. In an age when new threats to national security can emerge literally overnight, this means maximum flexibility and maximum readiness.

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