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Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles (RMMV) announces strategic cooperation with Achleitner of Austria and the launch of new armoured vehicle Survivor R

Germany's Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles (RMMV) and Achleitner of Austria announce the strategic cooperation between their two organisations, combining the flexibility and innovative strength of a mid-size vehicle manufacturer – Achleitner – with the global reputation, market presence and corporate resources of a leading European defence multinational, RMMV.

About RMMV and Achleitner

RMMV considers close cooperation with Achleitner of Austria to be a crucial step forward in effectively dealing with the continuing challenges of shrinking defence budgets, rapidly shifting markets and evolving customer demands. The cooperation arrangement offers customers the best of both worlds:

RMMV was created in 2010 as a joint venture between Rheinmetall AG and MAN Nutzfahrzeuge AG (the latter renamed MAN Truck & Bus AG in 2010), resulting in a new single-source supplier of a complete range of military logistic, tactical and protected wheeled vehicles. RMMV combines Rheinmetall's extensive expertise in force protection and systems integration with MAN's ready access to high-quality commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) truck components.

Achleitner delivers the flexibility of a mid-size company offering smart and efficient engineering solutions in the fields of all-wheel-drive and armouring technologies. It is a family-owned business with an enviable international reputation for protected vehicles for military, security and special purpose requirements. The company has developed a range of innovative products including the PMV Survivor II, based on a commercial MAN truck chassis.

Survivor R

The impressive first result of cooperation between the two companies is the Survivor R. Based on a militarized MAN TGM commercial truck chassis and automotives, the Survivor R benefits from series-produced COTS components, making it one of the most cost-effective solutions of this type available today.

A high level of protection in addition to flexibility of design allow numerous modifications for mission-specific roles, making Survivor R the ideal new protected multirole vehicle in the 15,000 kg class for all branches of the military and associated security forces.

Survivor R will be marketed globally by RMMV, adding to Rheinmetall's expanding portfolio of armoured wheeled vehicles.

As RMMV Chairman Pietro Borgo notes, “The strategic cooperation between RMMV and Achleitner has allowed the Survivor R to be developed utilising the core competences of these complimentary companies, combining the best of each to deliver global customers a class-leading product at a competitive price.”

“We are looking forward to future proposals to extend the strategic cooperation between Rheinmetall and Achleitner, including the development of various special bodies for tactical and logistic vehicles,” declares Franz Achleitner, CEO and owner of Achleitner Fahrzeugbau.

Announcing a strategic cooperation with Achleitner at Eurosatory 2014 Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles is unveiling the initial result, the Survivor R.

The new vehicle can be viewed at the Rheinmetall pavilion (outdoor D 211) at Eurosatory 2014. It is configured for a CBRN-reconnaissance role, a core competence of RMMV.

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