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## **Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia awards key subcontracts under LAND 121 3B**

Companies in Newcastle, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra have won major subcontracts under the Australian Army's Land 121 Phase 3B program after a competitive tender process overseen by prime contractor Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia (RMMVA).

RMMVA secured the Land 121 Phase 3B contract in 2013 to supply the Commonwealth of Australia with more than 2,500 medium and heavy military logistical trucks and nearly 3,000 modules.

RMMVA Managing Director Peter Hardisty said the company was committed to ensuring Australian industry had every opportunity to compete on merit for all supply contracts identified for local procurement.

"Each of the successful companies has demonstrated expertise and many years of experience supplying premium products for the Australian military or the Australian civilian market."

The successful companies are:

- Newcastle-based Varley Group will supply more than 550 stores and maintenance modules. Varley has been a recognised supplier of military products since the establishment of its Defence & Aerospace Division in the early 1990s.
- Sydney-based RPC Technologies will provide a specialist interface unit to transport, launch and recover the ADF's current and future heavy floating bridge systems including the bridge themselves and the support boats. RPC Defence has proven experience in the manufacture of assemblies as a tier one supplier and has been providing through life support to Defence Bridging Systems for over 25 years.
- Canberra-based Sea Box International will design, develop and manage the production supply over 2,100 heavy flat racks for RMMVA's high mobility military vehicle fleet. The Australian work share includes the design and development of the equipment in order to meet specific Australian requirements.
- Brisbane-based company Holmwood Highgate will design and manufacture a total of 276 integrated tankers, bulk water and fuel modules. Holmwood Highgate designs and manufactures a complete range of tankers for use in the petroleum, bitumen and chemical industries.

Reference vehicles have already arrived in Australia. The first Land 121 Phase 3B production vehicles will be delivered in 2016 and final delivery is expected in 2020.

RMMV is the Rheinmetall Group's centre of excellence for logistical and tactical wheeled vehicles. Rheinmetall is one of the world's leading suppliers of defence technology, including wheeled and tracked military vehicles, weapons, ammunition, simulation solutions, command and control technology, force protection systems, sensors.

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