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Rheinmetall Defence Polska – a strong partner in Central Europe

Rheinmetall Defence Polska serves as a partner to the local defence industry, providing the Polish armed forces with technical and logistical support as well as helping to develop logistic concepts. In addition, Rheinmetall's subsidiary in Poland is working closely with the company Zakłady Mechaniczne Bumar- Łabędy S.A. (ZMBL) and other companies of PGZ to modernize Poland's fleet of Leopard 2 A4 main battle tanks, supplying its Polish partner with optimum support. Furthermore – in line with the Group's one-face-to-the-customer philosophy – Rheinmetall Defence Polska serves as the Polish hub for all Rheinmetall Defence companies, acting as the central point of contact for the Polish government and military as well as Polish companies. This assures direct, efficient communication between Poland and the companies that make up Rheinmetall Defence.

Rheinmetall Defence Polska sp. z o.o is present at two locations. The company's head office is in Warsaw (Al. Ujazdowskie 51,00-536 Warszawa) in order to be close to government agencies and authorities. A second office has been established at Gliwice in Upper Silesia with an eye to providing ZMBL and OBRUM with optimum support in modernizing Poland's Leopard 2 MBTs as well as to offer other Leopard 2 family-related services. This operational office is located directly on ZMBL premises so as to ensure close, direct consultation and cooperation at all times. The company also provides the same services to the Polish armed forces organizations located at ZMBL.

Moreover, Rheinmetall Defence Polska is establishing its own service capabilities in order to provide services to Polish industry and the Polish armed forces, such as consultancy, on-site support, training, repair of components, provision of spare parts, etc. It also intends to cooperate with Polish and foreign companies in production and repair operations.

Among the company's future goals are cooperation with military and civil institutes and universities in a variety of different fields.

An experienced management team leads Rheinmetall Defence Polska.

Andrzej Raszewski has just been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Rheinmetall Defence Polska. Prior to joining Rheinmetall, he spent over 15 years working in the energy sector, the last nine of which with PKN ORLEN, Poland's biggest energy company and a market leader in Central and Eastern Europe. There he held various positions, including on supervisory and management boards of ORLEN subsidiaries. His last posts were Director, Logistics Department Poland and CEO of ORLEN Koltrans, a railway operator (dual role). Mr Raszewski holds a Masters in Economics from the University of Warsaw and an MBA from the London Business School.

Otmar Schultheis has been appointed COO of Rheinmetall Defence Polska. A former Bundeswehr Armour Corps officer, he has been with Rheinmetall for over thirty years, gaining extensive experience in tank technology, sales and project management in numerous national and international projects.

The establishment of Rheinmetall Defence Polska reflects the important strategic partnership between Poland and Germany – a relationship that finds expression in the numerous political, economic and cultural bonds that bind the two neighbouring countries. Especially at a time of growing volatility, strategic partnerships of this kind in Europe are extremely important.

Fully established in the meantime, Rheinmetall Defence Polska maintains close ties with various Polish defence contractors and the Polish authorities. Examples here include technical and logistical support for vehicles transferred from Germany to Poland under government-to-government contracts. ZMBL and Rheinmetall won the order to modernize Poland's fleet of Leopard 2 A4 MBTs, which is being carried out in close cooperation with other Polish contractors like PCO, OBRUM and ZM Tarnow, assuring a very high degree of Polish input.

A flyer with more details is available at the Rheinmetall stand.

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