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Strategic cooperation:

Rheinmetall and Nootboom Trailers B.V. mutually develop and market military heavy equipment trailers

Technology group Rheinmetall and Dutch manufacturer of special transport solutions Nootboom Trailers B.V. have signed a cooperation paper to develop and distribute military Heavy Equipment Trailer (HET) solutions. This cooperation encompasses the mutual development, industrialisation, and marketing of these systems.

The partnership is a reaction to the significantly increasing demand for military off-road heavy transport solutions in Europe. The increase is related to the growing operational use of heavy wheeled and tracked vehicles, as well as large-scale NATO procurement programmes for battle tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, and self-propelled howitzers. This collaboration will reinforce the position of both companies in the field of military mobility, contributing to a more resilient and competitive European defence industry.

Key strength of the partnership is the complementary nature of the partners' expertise. Nootboom Trailers B.V. is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of civil special transport solutions. It has decades of experience in designing, producing and maintaining special trailers for payloads of up to 200 tonnes and has an excellent reputation among logistics specialists and special transport companies.

Rheinmetall will contribute with its proven expertise in manufacturing military vehicles, cost-efficient industrial capacities, and international market access as part of a leading global defence group. Nootboom accelerates through collaboration with Rheinmetall to further expand its advanced technologies and expertise in special transport solutions, laying the foundation for more innovative developments in both military and civil transport solutions.

The joint solution combines Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles' highly mobile tractors with a fitting trailer system, enabling Rheinmetall to provide comprehensive, vertically integrated HET solutions. The integrated HET system is designed to transport heavy tracked and wheeled vehicles, including recovery and armoured engineer vehicles.

Rheinmetall AG is an integrated technology group, with its headquarters in Düsseldorf. Founded in 1889, it is a leading international systems house for the defence industry and operates within land, air, sea and space domains. A focus on sustainability is an integral part of Rheinmetall's strategy. With around 33,000 employees at about 180 sites worldwide, the company has been listed on the DAX 40 since March 2023 and generated sales of €9.9 billion in the 2025 financial year.

► Key facts

- Rheinmetall and Dutch Nootboom Trailers B.V. sign cooperation agreement
- Partnership combines Nootboom's long standing experience in the field of civil heavy transport solutions with Rheinmetall's expertise as a leading defence system house
- Development and marketing of military HET trailers intended for production in Romania

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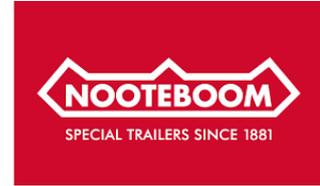
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Nooteboom Trailers B.V. is an international family-owned company and a specialist in total solutions for exceptional road transport. Founded in 1881 and headquartered in Wijchen, the Netherlands, the company is now led by its fifth generation. With more than 500 employees, two production facilities, and an extensive in-house sales organization across Europe, Nooteboom is firmly established on an international level. Through continuous investment in innovation, the company holds numerous patents for groundbreaking technologies that set industry standards in safety, efficiency, and reliability within the field of exceptional transport.



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