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The Dutch Ministry of Defence and Rheinmetall aim to advance modern technologies for military vehicle systems

The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Rheinmetall aim to work together to advance modern technologies in military vehicle systems. A corresponding Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed on 19 November 2026 at the NEDS 2026 trade fair in Rotterdam by the Dutch Secretary of State for Arms Procurement and Personnel, Mr Derk Boswijk, together with Dr Björn Bernhard, Head of the Vehicle Systems Division, and Coen van Leuwwen, Managing Director of Rheinmetall Defence Nederland B.V.

With this LoI, the partners commit to strengthening German-Dutch cooperation and identifying new technologies relevant to the security of both countries. The focus is on applications in the field of land systems and military vehicles. The identified future topics include technologies for unmanned systems, the hybridisation of propulsion systems, man-unmanned teaming, and advanced materials and production technologies, amongst others.

''This signing marks an intensification of the collaboration between Rheinmetall and the Netherlands Ministry of Defense as strategic partners", said Secretary of State Derk Boswijk. "We formalize our fruitful collaboration, in order to create relevant innovation projects and connect the German and Netherlands Technological and Industrial Base more strongly. In these times, there is a great need to explore how we can boost innovation speed and stimulate rapid adoption.''

"I look forward to further deepening our cooperation with our Dutch customers and colleagues," said Dr Björn Bernhard. "In doing so, we are not only strengthening German-Dutch cooperation but also driving innovation in technology for land systems. The latter helps both nations in equal measure to achieve their strategic objectives."

▶ Key facts

- The Dutch Ministry of Defence and Rheinmetall aim to drive forward future technologies
- Memorandum of Understanding signed on 19 November 2026 in Rotterdam
- Focus on applications in military land systems and vehicles

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