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Rheinmetall Canada welcomes new Canadian partners from coast to coast in bid to win Canada's Logistics Vehicle Modernization Project

Rheinmetall Canada, together with Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles (RMMV) and Navistar Defence Canada, is proud to announce that it submitted its bid on May 31 for the Logistic Vehicles Modernization (LVM) Project, welcoming new partners to Team 45° North (45°N). Six out of seven partners are located from the west coast to the east coast of Canada, reaffirming Team 45°N's commitment to supporting the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian industry and innovation.

In its bid for the LVM contract, Team 45°N draws on more than 200 years of combined expertise in developing leading-edge defence and vehicle program solutions to revitalize the Canadian Army's light and heavy logistics vehicle capabilities. The Team brings together premier military vehicle manufacturers and partners to offer the Canadian Army tried and tested trucks that are purpose-built for military use. The newly added partners comprise AGB Products (New Brunswick), LINK Manufacturing (Alberta), DEW Engineering (Ontario), Weatherhaven (British-Columbia), J&J Trailers (Ontario), Cambli (Quebec) as well as Holmwood Highgate, headquartered in Australia and standing ready to open a branch in Canada to transfer a know-how from which the Canadian industry will benefit for decades.

Stéphane Oehrli, President and CEO of Rheinmetall Canada, commented: "Each member of Team 45° North brings unique strengths to the collaboration, making our proposal the low-risk, high-quality solution for the LVM project."

In collaboration with its partners, Team 45°N offers a comprehensive LVM solution that provides the capabilities for fulfilling the Canadian Army's logistics mission profile, specifically designed to meet military requirements – durability, protection, payload capacity, mobility, and an all-terrain capability.

For decades, Rheinmetall Canada has been a trusted partner of the Canadian Armed Forces in several programmes. The company is an internationally renowned system integrator in the defence and security industry and a dependable provider of in-service support to large Canadian vehicle projects. Rheinmetall Canada is also known for its collaborative approach in working with its customers throughout the full lifecycle of their programmes.

Bringing unique skills and deep knowledge to the team, RMMV has successfully developed, built, and serviced military vehicles around the globe for more than a century. To satisfy all of its customers' needs and to support them in fulfilling their most demanding missions, the company offers a complete range of services, including project management, systems engineering and integration, through-life support, repair and maintenance, as well as spares management.

► Key facts

- Rheinmetall Canada, Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles and Navistar Defence Canada submitted bid for the Canadian Armed Forces' Logistic Vehicles Modernization (LVM) project
- New partners to Team 45°North
- More than 200 years of combined expertise

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Navistar Defence Canada rounds out Team 45°N, offering significant experience in working with the Canadian government. Navistar Defence Canada delivered 1 300 militarized commercial-off-the-shelf (MilCOTS) vehicles to the Canadian Department of National Defence for the Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) project to support domestic and expeditionary missions. It continues to provide logistic support through its vast parts and service network across Canada.

While Team 45°N logistic vehicles will help protect Canada from coast to coast, its dedication to the Canadian economy will also support economic growth nationwide. Rheinmetall Canada and its partner have an excellent track record in fulfilling their Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) commitments, which are a testament to Team 45°N's dedication to the Canadian economic development.

The LVM program's benefits will be felt across Canada, bringing modern technology to the nation's industries and creating new, long-lasting, high-quality jobs. As a member of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), Rheinmetall Canada is committed to including Aboriginal businesses in its supply chains for the project.

"Team 45°N is also reaffirming its commitment to working with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to further strengthen Canadian economic development." added Oehrli.

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About AGB Products

Atelier Gérard Beaulieu is a fourth-generation 100% Canadian family-owned metalworking company with over 100 years of experience. The company has designed and manufactured over 5,000 mobile tanks, trailers and pumping apparatus since being certified by Transport Canada in 2004. From simple standard models to highly complex custom systems, and with most of them being used in rough terrain operations in the forestry, construction, mining, and exploration sectors. AGB currently employs more than 40 employees, is fully a bilingual and provides support with more than 10 distributors across Canada. AGB provides products throughout North America, as well as hundreds of products across Europe and Africa. For more information, visit agbproducts.com.

About LINK Manufacturing

Based in Nisku (Edmonton) Alberta, Link Suspensions of Canada, is the branch of Link® that focuses on serving the unique needs of vocational and military markets. Link's research and development efforts in Nisku provide distinctive results for applications requiring up to 60,000lb – 105,000lb suspension capacities. The commitment to servicing vocational, off-highway and military markets has enabled Link to provide results where others were unsuccessful. Link Suspensions of Canada, formerly Raydan Manufacturing, has a long history of providing tailored solutions to the heavy vocational truck market. We are proud of our team of highly skilled technicians, welders, engineers, field sales representatives, and support staff who are committed to building a business based on employee involvement, training and development within a safe and pleasant work environment. Our commitment is to engineer and develop quality products for our customers. For more information, visit linkmfg.com.

About DEW Engineering

DEW has been providing design, engineering, prototyping, testing and serial manufacturing since 1978, turning needs into field-proven products. In addition to off-the-shelf products, DEW produces customized solutions that are engineered and manufactured to meet our clients' specific needs. DEW has played a role in most major Canadian Defence truck and module programs over the last four decades. DEW designs and manufactures bare military modules, as well as integrates and installs mission kits which convert modules to a finished state, fully functional for military or security forces.

These mission kits convert a base chassis, module, or van body into a specialist vehicle such as a command post, kitchen, ambulance and laboratory. For more details, visit dewengineering.com.

About Weatherhaven

Weatherhaven was established in 1981 and is a Canadian OEM that supplies a variety of agile and rugged infrastructure to military, commercial, peace keeping, and other scientific and government customers globally. For over 35 years, Weatherhaven has been providing its military equipment to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), including ISO container-based solutions, softwall shelters and integrated systems. The company is recognized as a world leader in all aspects of remote-site deployments, including integrated design, manufacturing, transport logistics, installation, demobilization, life-cycle maintenance, repair and overhaul (R&O), storage, and in-service sustainment. Weatherhaven products have a world-wide reputation for being well-engineered and robust, as we understand that our customers are expeditionary in nature and need to go anywhere at any time – designing and delivering equipment that can be deployed in -51°C to +50°C weather. Our military equipment has been proven in every terrain and climate, and we are proud to support our forces. Weatherhaven has an active and intensive research and development (R&D) program that continually updates the company's existing products and searches for new and innovative infrastructure solutions. This program has resulted in numerous specialty shelters for defence and industry. Weatherhaven has been listed as one of the top defence companies in Canada for their work in the military sector and are active as both a prime contractor for major federal procurements, and ITB recipient. For more details, visit weatherhaven.com.

About J&J Trailers

Sophisticated Engineering with High Quality Materials Established in 1974, J&J Trailers has become a leader in trailer manufacturing, service and parts. Our depth of experience and relentless attention to detail mean that every J&J trailer is a product of sophisticated engineering, high quality materials and best practice manufacturing processes. Over the past few years, J&J trailers has performed several contract of heavy and complex trailers for the benefit of DND. These contracts representing a quantity of about twenty units. The latest covers a volume of 8 variable height deck trailers for a capacity of 45 000 kg. For more information, visit <https://www.jjtrailer.com/Home/Index>

About Holmwood Highgate

Holmwood Highgate has evolved from a simple operation on the outskirts of Brisbane back in the 1950's to become Australia's leading manufacturer of bulk liquid tankers as well as a globally recognized name for military and humanitarianism relief products. To date, Holmwood Highgate is now located in both Queensland and Victoria, with a plethora of product and capability across a wide spectrum of applications. Holmwood Highgate way has been a family owned and operated business since the beginning. Holmwood Highgate is still owned by the Mellish Family and the third generation sons hold key positions in the company today. The three brothers - Wade, Michael and David - continue the legacy and ensure the high standards continue to be maintained. Holmwood Highgate is a world leader in design and manufacture of deployable, ruggedized bulk tanker modules and Australia's No.1 manufacturer of Aviation Refuellers and Road Tankers. In 2014, Holmwood Highgate successfully won a contract to supply Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles Australia (RMMV-A) with fuel and water modules. Holmwood Highgate will establish a branch in Canada and create a close partnership with the local industry to contribute to the success of LVM. For more information, visit holmwoodhighgate.com.au.

About CAMBLI

Cambli Group is a third-generation family owned and operated Canadian flagship operation based in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. The company has been the North American leader with more than 60 years of expertise, designing and manufacturing armored trucks, destined for the transportation

of valuables/cash in transit (CIT), as well as mission support tactical vehicles. All equipment are adapted to anticipated risks while keeping in mind specific operational realities and conditions encountered during all types of missions conducted around the world. Since 2013, Cambli Group owns and operates HESSE, a division specialized in manufacturing maximum payload trucks and trailers, fully made of aluminum, designed for various industries in Canada and the USA. For more information, visit cambli.com.