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## **Rheinmetall's Boxer at Eurosatory 2016**

The battle-proven Boxer 8x8<sup>1</sup> provides a unique mix of mobility, capacity and survivability that allows the vehicle to operate effectively across the full spectrum of combat operations, while the vehicle's inherent adaptability allows it to evolve as requirements and threats change. Rheinmetall is showcasing the Boxer at Eurosatory 2016.

Thanks to its composite add-on armour, the Boxer is one of the world's best-protected 8x8 tactical vehicles. This wheeled armoured vehicle assures excellent protection from landmines, improvised explosive devices and ballistic fire, coupled with outstanding mobility both on and off road, even in the toughest terrain.

Powered by a 530 kW (720 HP) MTU turbo diesel engine, the Boxer – weighing up to 36.5 tonnes with a full combat load – attains a top speed of 103 km/h.

Featuring separate drive and mission modules, the Boxer design concept assures maximum flexibility and versatility. In the section/squad APC configuration, the Boxer serves as a 'mother ship' for up to ten troops.

Operational experience in Afghanistan makes it clear that the Boxer significantly enhances battlefield sustainment and mobility of an infantry section or squad. The positive performance of the Boxer in deployed operations was a powerful factor in the German government's decision to place a new order. In December 2015 the German Bundeswehr contracted with Rheinmetall and Krauss-Maffei Wegmann to supply additional 131 Boxer armoured fighting vehicles. The Bundeswehr's initial order in 2006 encompassed 272 Boxer vehicles in the following variants: command and control, medevac and driver training vehicles as well as APCs capable of transporting a complete infantry section/squad.

The Netherlands is also a partner in the cross-border Boxer programme, having ordered a total of 200 vehicles, including a combat engineering configuration – which is on show at Eurosatory 2016 – as well as an additional transport version.

Rheinmetall has also lodged a bid in response to the Commonwealth of Australia's LAND 400 Phase 2 - Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability request for tender. Under the tender, the Commonwealth has been offered the latest version of the Boxer 8X8, the LANCE turret and Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE: NOC) command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR) architecture.

If selected for LAND 400, the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle (CRV) will provide the Australian Army with a combat-proven, low-risk capability that can be rapidly fielded and easily supported throughout its service life.

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