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Rheinmetall Defence Australia Media Brief

RHEINMETALL BRIEFS CAIRNS SMEs ON LAND 400

Rheinmetall Defence Australia today briefed Cairns SMES and local students about its comprehensive bid for the Land 400 Phase 2 program and the establishment of a sovereign military vehicle capability for Australia in Queensland.

Between September 1 and October 3, Rheinmetall is delivering briefings in metropolitan and regional communities between the Gold Coast and Cairns about the BOXER CRV, a world class combat reconnaissance vehicle now under evaluation by the Commonwealth of Australia (CoA) as part of the LAND 400 Phase 2 tender. A BOXER CRV vehicle is present at each briefing.

“Our focus for this roadshow is to meet as many Queensland SMEs as we can,” said Rheinmetall Defence Australia Managing Director Gary Stewart.

“This follows our decision to select Queensland as the future site of our Military Vehicle Centre of Excellence (MILVEHCOE), a new state of the art facility that will deliver military vehicles and systems to Australian Defence Force programs.”

The MILVEHCOE will also be the global manufacturing base for the company’s new LYNX Infantry Fighting Vehicle and range of LANCE turrets under its Land 400 offer to the Commonwealth of Australia.

Rheinmetall will also establish an \$80 million Technology and Product Development Fund as part of the Australian Industry Capability program for the LAND 400 program. The company has announced research partnerships with the Queensland University of Technology, CSIRO, Swinburne University and the University of South Australia.

Mr Stewart thanked the Queensland Government and Queensland’s Federal Liberal National Party MPs and Senators for presenting the advantages of Queensland to establish the world class MILVEHCOE. The Queensland Government will attend the Cairns SME briefing to provide guidance to SMEs seeking pathways to major defence projects such as Land 400.

“Rheinmetall is grateful to the Queensland Government and the Federal LNP Members and Senators and we look forward to working alongside them to bring Land 400 to Queensland,” Mr Stewart said.

Rheinmetall has organised a briefing today for Cairns SMEs at the Australian Armour and Artillery Museum. The company will also showcase the BOXER CRV in the following locations:

- Mackay on September 29
- Gold Coast on October 3

Cairns SMEs will have the chance to view the BOXER CRV and discuss potential business opportunities with Rheinmetall’s dedicated Land 400 team.

Rheinmetall will transfer technology, research and development opportunities to Australia and work with Australian SMEs to deliver this capability to the ADF. The company has already announced a dozen companies within its Land 400 team from NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. These companies have been selected to deliver a range of products and services to support the manufacture of the BOXER CRV.

Mr Stewart said Queensland was ideally located as the site of a Regional Hub that provides Australian engineering, production and development of military technology for delivery into Australian and global programs.

Rheinmetall delivered its final offer to the Commonwealth on Friday August 11 after 52 weeks of comprehensive testing and evaluation of the world's leading combat reconnaissance vehicle. BOXER CRV provides Australian soldiers with the best protection and lethality as well as a modular design that reduces life cycle costs.

Currently the largest supplier of military vehicles to the Australian Defence Force, Rheinmetall is delivering more than 2500 logistics trucks to the Australian Army under the LAND 121 Phase 3B program.

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