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Rheinmetall at IDEX 2013: A wide array of capabilities for the GCC

The Middle East remains one of the world's most strategically sensitive regions, reflected in the close ties that exist between the West and the nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The IDEX defence show takes place in Abu Dhabi from 17 to 23 February 2013, the most important event of its kind in the Middle East. This year too, Rheinmetall will be on hand at IDEX, showcasing a wide assortment of exciting products.

For example, the Düsseldorf, Germany-based defence contractor will be displaying its Kodiak armoured combat engineering vehicle, a heavy-duty tracked system designed for military and disaster relief operations alike. Also on view in Abu Dhabi will be several wheeled systems from Rheinmetall MAN Military Vehicles, including tried-and-tested logistics vehicles such as the TGS 8x8 Cargo, TGM 4x4 Cargo and the HX81 recovery vehicle. In addition to these, visitors can inspect tactical vehicles like the 4x4 Armoured Multi Purpose Vehicle (AMPV), here configured for a reconnaissance role and equipped with Vingtaqs SLR; or the mobile command post variant of the 8x8 GTK Boxer.

Interaction between the C4I system of the Boxer tactical operations centre and the Gladius Future Soldier system will be demonstrated for the first time at IDEX.

Furthermore, the armed forces of the United Arab Emirates will be conducting a live demonstration of their NBC defence capabilities in which Rheinmetall's globally acclaimed Fuchs/Fox NBC armoured reconnaissance vehicle plays a key role.

In the air defence domain, the Group's Skyshield sensor unit Skyshield Revolver Gun will be on view. These components can be used for defending military assets and civilian critical infrastructure, as well as in military operations other than war (MOOTW) and for naval applications.

Moreover, abundant space is allocated to another major area of Rheinmetall expertise: ammunition. Here the products on display range from Mithras illumination and signalling rockets and 40mm ammunition to medium-calibre cartridges and the pioneering programmable 120mm DM11 round.

A technology demonstrator will inform visitors about Rheinmetall's comprehensive expertise in the field of force protection. This ranges from high-tech ballistic protection panels to soft-kill systems like the Rapid Obscurant System (ROSY) and active hard-kill solutions such as the Group's cutting-edge Active Defence System (ADS).

Examples of Rheinmetall's naval competence include the Herold and Herold Navy reconnaissance and surveillance systems. In the Electro-Optics division, the focus is on reconnaissance systems like the Vingtaqs SLR and Vingtaqs II as well as the Forward Observer Instrument FOI 2000, while the DESUG ballistic and combat simulator offers a fascinating insight into the world of Rheinmetall simulation technology.

Rheinmetall's robust presence at IDEX 2013 underscores once again its role as a reliable partner of the GCC states.

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