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German Armed Forces call off another 30,000 intercom sets with hearing protection function from Rheinmetall

The German Bundeswehr has commissioned Rheinmetall to supply a second batch of the intercom with hearing protection function - SMG (Sprechsatz mit Gehörschutzfunktion) for short. The troops are to receive a further 30,000 sets, divided into 8,000 command SMGs and 22,000 soldier SMGs. Delivery is scheduled to begin in mid-2025 and be completed by the end of 2025. The order is worth around €55 million net. An initial call-off for the delivery of 30,000 sets was already issued in April 2024. Both delivery batches will be financed from the special fund.

In April 2024 Rheinmetall has been commissioned by the Bundeswehr to supply up to 191,000 sets of the "intercom with hearing protection function". The framework contract has a seven-year term and a potential order volume of up to €400 million net. The SMG is a key project for tactical communications which is of cross-sectional importance for the entire force.

The intercom with hearing protection function includes modern active capsule ear protection that attenuates harmful impulse noise and amplifies quiet sounds. It also has a microphone and can be connected to various radio devices so that radio communication is possible. In addition to the combined headset, the scope of supply includes various push-to-talk (PTT) buttons and different cable sets for connecting to a range of radios and on-board communication systems. Rheinmetall has involved two leading manufacturers as subcontractors for the project: 3M Deutschland GmbH with the ComTac VIII headset and CeoTronics AG with CT-Multi PTT 1C and 3C. The SMG is compatible with the Rheinmetall-supplied new combat helmet as well as with other Bundeswehr helmet types.

This order of the second batch underlines Rheinmetall's leading role in the field of military equipment. The technology company is the prime contractor for the System Infantry Soldier of the Future - Expanded System to the Bundeswehr. Rheinmetall markets various configurations of its Gladius soldier system internationally.



► Key facts

- Bundeswehr calls off a further 30,000 "intercom with hearing protection function" sets
- Delivery from July 2025 to end of 2025; order value around €55 million net
- Framework contract for up to 191,000 sets was awarded in April 2024; seven-year term, up to €400 million net
- Order underlines Rheinmetall's leading role in the field of soldier systems

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