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KNDS presents its first joint product exclusively at Eurosatory

Eurosatory, Parc des Expositions de Paris-Nord Villepinte - June 11, 2018 - the French-German KNDS group (KMW + NEXTER Defense Systems), asserts itself at the International Exhibition of Defense and Security, Eurosatory which is held from June 11 to 15 at the Parc des Expositions in Villepinte.

European leader in land defense, KNDS exhibits its first joint product, the EMBT, less than three years after being created around KMW and Nexter. The hull, engine and entire chassis comes from the Leopard 2 A7 and were modified to host the compact and light turret with automatic loading from the Leclerc. Composed of proven and tested technologies, the EMBT is a short-term response to the operational need of the market for high-intensity battle tanks. By assembling a chassis, which is certified to MLC70 and a light turret operated by only 2 crew members instead of 3 the EMBT brings together the best in the battle tank state of the art, with an exceptional growth potential (roughly 6t) which allows to integrate many evolutions. The demonstrator presented on the booth illustrates the progress of the integration of KNDS, whose combined skills make it the legitimate and essential industrial actor of the two Franco-German future programs for the tank (MGCS) and artillery (CIFS).

KMW and Nexter's ranges and know-how will also be showcased on the KNDS stand through the products and systems of each of the two brands, which together constitute a broad and almost complete offering in the land sector.

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KNDS (KMW+NEXTER Defense Systems) is the European leader in land defense. KNDS is the result of the association of Krauss-Maffei Wegmann and Nexter, two of the leading European manufacturers of military land systems based in Germany and France.

KNDS forms a Group of 7,000 employees, with an annual turnover of 2.7 billion euro, an order backlog of around 9.2 billion euro. The range of its products includes main battle tanks, armored vehicles, artillery systems, weapons systems, ammunition, military bridges, customer services, battle management systems, training solutions, protection solutions and a wide range of equipment.

The formation of KNDS represents the beginning of consolidation in land defense systems industry in Europe. The strategic alliance between KMW and Nexter will enhance both groups' competitiveness and international positions, as well as their ability to meet the needs of their respective national army. In addition, it offers to its European and NATO customers the opportunity of increased standardization and interoperability for their defense equipment, with a dependable industrial base.

KNDS headquarters are based in Amsterdam.