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Panhard General Defense is showcasing three new products at MILIPOL

Panhard General Defense will be taking part in the *Milipol* show at the Porte de Versailles in Paris, from 18th to 21st October 2011, with three of its new products. Panhard is the leading European manufacturer of armoured vehicles of less than 12 tonnes, and intends to enhance its efforts to break into the domestic security market, which is currently enjoying significant expansion. Panhard General Defense is ideally positioned to meet the protected vehicle needs of police forces operating in urban areas and will be presenting the PVP APC, the VBL MK2 and the WASP turret.

Last September, the French defence procurement agency (DGA) ordered an additional tranche of 200 PVP APC (Light Protected Vehicle *Armoured Personnel Carrier*), 1000 of which are already in service with the French armed forces. This 4-wheel drive armoured vehicle of less than 5.5 tonnes, presented at the Milipol Paris in its *Domestic security forces* version, carries six passengers and two crew, and comprises specific equipment including grenade launcher, tear gas dispenser and special signalling with revolving light and public address system. Owing to its light weight, its payload capacity and its affordable cost, it is the perfect answer to the needs of domestic security forces. A medical version is also available.

The VBL Mk2 (light armoured vehicle), also present on the company's stand, is a version of the VBL, more than 2300 of which have been sold and are in service in 16 countries. This version has a 132 HP engine, day/night observation scope and a remote-operated WASP turret capable of accommodating a machine gun. The Kuwait national guard was already a user of the original version of the VBL and the Kuwait Police Special Forces have acquired the VBL MK2 (12.7mm version) in order to handle extreme situations such as hostage-taking.

Finally, Panhard General Defense presents the WASP (Weapon under Armor for Self Protection), a lightweight turret of less than 60 kg operated from the interior of a vehicle. This remote-operated turret is equipped with a 7.62 or 5.56 calibre machine gun, coupled with a daylight and night-time infrared observation scope and sight derived from the infantry FELIN programme. The weapon's extended elevation (-40°/+80°) makes it particularly well-suited to urban security, owing to its optronics, that are ideal for the short-range nature of urban action and its weight, which enables it to be mounted on *soft skin* vehicles, pylons or buildings, making it the obvious choice for law

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enforcement and security missions. 180 turrets have already been ordered by the French army for their PVPs and VBLs.

About Panhard General Defense

Panhard has been designing and building armoured vehicles for nearly a century. 2,300 units of its VBL light armoured vehicle are currently in service in sixteen countries worldwide, while the French Army has ordered more than 930 units of its PVP light protected vehicle. In 2010, Panhard generated revenues of more than 100 million euros.

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