

Panhard and Sagem Défense Sécurité launch the WASP



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In order to improve the protection of the forces on operations, Panhard and Sagem Défense Sécurité (SAFRAN Group) have together developed a new, remotely-controlled self-defence turret, the WASP, or Weapon under Armour for Self-Protection, equipped with a light machine gun coupled with an observation and infra-red sight..

The WASP is presented on the Panhard stand at Eurosatory 2008, integrated into a PVP armoured vehicle.

The WASP turret incorporates the lessons of high-intensity engagements in several overseas theatres, including asymmetric threats. It enables the crew to defend itself very effectively from the interior of the vehicle without being exposed to the threat. The ability to combine daylight and thermal images from the observation sight offers the capability for surveillance or reconnaissance missions by day or night in all weathers. The WASP also offers a remote firing function and a head-up display on a helmet. The turret functions via a BMS* terminal (tactical coordination, reception and exploitation of images, aiming and firing), already deployed with the forces.

The WASP is light and compact, and presents a small visual signal. It is well-adapted to operations in built-up or mountainous areas, thanks to its large range of elevation (-40° /+90°).

Panhard's experience in designing armoured combat systems, associated with the technological innovations of the FELIN** and BMS programmes led by Sagem Défense Sécurité, as well as the use of off-the-shelf components, afford the WASP an excellent cost/effectiveness ratio.

**BMS : basic information terminal system*

*** FELIN : integrated equipment and communications for the infantryman / SITEL : basic information system terminal.*

About Panhard General Defense:

Panhard, a 100% owned subsidiary of Auverland since the beginning of 2005, has designed and built armoured vehicles for almost a century. Panhard produces the light armoured vehicle (VBL), more than 2,000 of which have been built, 1,600 of them for the French Army. In 2007, Panhard achieved a turnover of 78 million euros and has an order book of over 280 million euros.

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About Sagem Défense Sécurité:

Sagem Défense Sécurité, a high-technology company of the SAFRAN Group, is a European and world leader in solutions and in optronic, avionic and critical software services for the civil and defence markets. Sagem Défense Sécurité is the No.1 European and No.3 worldwide in inertial navigation systems for aeronautical, marine and terrestrial applications. It is also the world No.1 in helicopter flying controls, and the European No.1 in optronic and tactical UAV systems. Sagem Défense Sécurité and its subsidiaries are present in every continent through the SAFRAN Group international network and employs 6,000 personnel in Europe and the United States.

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