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**General Vincent Desportes appointed  
Special Advisor to Chairman of Panhard General Defense**

General Vincent Desportes is joining Panhard General Defense as Special Advisor to Panhard's Chairman, Christian Mons. As such, he will cooperate on developing the company's strategy and will particularly contribute to its outreach abroad.

An Officer of the Legion of Honour, General Vincent Desportes is recognised for his expertise in force commitment and combat vehicle engagement doctrines. A graduate of French military academy of Saint-Cyr, this general officer from the armoured cavalry was at the head of the *Collège Interarmées de Défense* (War College) until July 2010 after running France's Army Doctrine Centre. He has spent a part of his career in the US (on secondment to the US Army, then as Military Attaché to the French Embassy in Washington, DC) and has had professional dealings with numerous armed forces around the world. He has written several books and many articles on strategy.

General Vincent Desportes is married with two children.

*About Panhard General Defense*

*Panhard, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Auverland since the beginning of 2005, has been designing and building armoured vehicles for nearly a century. Panhard particularly builds the light armoured vehicle (VBL), manufacturing more than 2,000 for some fifteen countries worldwide, including 1,600 for the French Army, and the PVP, of which almost 700 are in service in three armed forces. In 2009, Panhard posted turnover nearing 100 million Euros.*

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