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KONGSBERG strengthens the relationship with Canadian Government

The Canadian Department of National Defence and KONGSBERG have signed a contract for repair and overhaul of PROTECTOR M151 Remote Weapon Stations.

The Contract includes work to be performed by Kongsberg Protech Systems Canada, London, ON.

Since 2005, the company has been supplying the PROTECTOR M151 Remote Weapon Stations (RWS) to the Canadian Forces where the system has been integrated on the RG-31 platform. The stations have been in continuous service, and have provided superior protection for soldiers serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"KONGSBERG is very pleased to see DND's commitment to the Canadian Remote Weapon Stations. These systems have been operating for several years in quite extreme conditions and need to be refurbished. The ability to do this, is proof of the PROTECTOR RWS modular concept, which enables affordable upgrades to a state-of-the-art technological standard. The refurbished RWS's will give the Canadian armed forces enhanced protection for years to come and continues KONGSBERG's position as a prime supplier of PROTECTOR RWS" said Mr. Rune Johannessen, Vice President of Business Development, the Americas.

"This program is a milestone for KPS Canada," said KPS Canada's President Jørn Buø. "This is the first direct contract with DND, and we believe that this contract will help create conditions for further growth locally. KONGSBERG is already an established and reliable supplier in the region, the province and in Canada."

PROTECTOR RWS is designed to be operated by gunners who remain inside the armoured vehicle reducing their exposure to enemy fire. The additional safety and protection the vehicle provides allows for soldiers to operate more effectively. The PROTECTOR M151 RWS will be refurbished and set to the same standard as the Dual Remote Weapons Station that Kongsberg Protech Systems is producing for Department of National Defence (DND) as part of the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) program. DND will benefit from the commonality in terms of training, logistics, and common components.

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