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General Dynamics European Land Systems to Present New Combat Vehicle Systems at EUROSATORY 2008

VIENNA – General Dynamics European Land Systems will unveil three new combat vehicle systems at EUROSATORY in Paris, 16 -20 June, 2008: the **DONAR**, a new air-deployable, autonomous and remotely operated 155mm artillery system; the **HIGH PROTECTION** variant of the **PIRANHA III** wheeled armored vehicle; and the **RAPIDLY EMPLACED BRIDGE SYSTEM (REBS)**.

The **DONAR** will change conventional artillery methods because it reduces crew and logistics requirements and provides for autonomous operations. The system is intended to replace legacy systems such as the M109, AS90 and K9 weapon systems currently in service with modern armies. The **DONAR** is a joint effort between General Dynamics European Land Systems and Krauss-Maffei Wegmann. The development of the **DONAR** is indicative of the growing European trend toward enhanced multinational industry cooperation in the land-systems sector. Users of the **DONAR** will have precise indirect-fire capabilities that can supplement or even replace close-air-support operations previously conducted by costly fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft.

A press conference to highlight the **DONAR** and its capabilities will be held Tuesday 17th June at 11.00 hours, in the General Dynamics European Land Systems booth (No. P030).

The **PIRANHA III HIGH PROTECTION** wheeled armored vehicle provides excellent ballistic and mine protection, while maintaining a substantial payload capacity and outstanding mobility in all terrains. The **LEDS** active protection system enhances the survivability of the vehicle against omnidirectional threats from symmetrical warfare, such as laser targeting, guided and unguided Rocket Propelled Grenades and other standoff threats.

A press conference to highlight Update about the **PIRANHA** Vehicles Family will be held Monday 16th June at 14.00 hours, in the General Dynamics European Land Systems booth (No. P030).

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REBS (RAPIDLY EMPLACED BRIDGE) is a light air-transportable bridge system for mechanized forces that provides crossing capability for vehicles up to Military Load Classification 50 (MLC50) for dry and wet gaps up to 13 m (43 ft). Transport, launch and recovery is possible from any 10 to 15 ton palletized loading system (PLS) truck through a self-powered Bridge Adaptor Pallet. The launching and retrieving procedure itself takes less than 10 minutes. This bridge system has been designed for use by highly mobile mechanized infantry forces. It was successfully tested by the U.S. Army, receiving Type Classification and Full Material Release in April 2007, and has already been successfully fielded to the first operational U.S. Army units. The REB on display will be integrated on a PIRANHA III wheeled armored vehicle with the newly developed ADAPTABLE BRIDGE LAUNCHING KIT (ABLK), which enables mechanized infantry forces to operate the bridge under armor protection without losing its fighting capability.

A press conference to highlight the **REBS (RAPIDLY EMPLACED BRIDGE)** will be held Wednesday, 18th June at 14.00 hours, in the General Dynamics European Land Systems booth (No. P030).

In addition to these new systems, General Dynamics will display several other products at Booth No. **P030** at the exhibition hall of the Parc des Exposition Paris-Nord in Villepinte, including:

- **PIRANHA Evolution 8x8** armed with the Rheinmetall LANCE 30 mm modular turret system;
- **M3** amphibious bridging and ferrying equipment that provides crossing capability for heavy combat vehicles with payloads of up to MLC85 (Tracked) and MLC132 (Wheeled);
- **PANDUR II 6x6** equipped with a 12.7 mm KONGSBERG PROTECTOR remote weapon station, as offered to the Austrian Army;
- **EAGLE IV**, selected by the German Army, in a reconnaissance version with a 10 m mast and sensor suite, equipped with a 12.7 mm BOFORS LEMUR remote weapon station;
- **DURO IIP** armored personnel transporter with a 12.7 mm KONGSBERG PROTECTOR remote weapon station, as selected by the Swiss Army; and
- **ASCOD 2** incorporating Battle Field Management, Vetrionics, improved protection and the C4I Bowman tactical communications system. This vehicle will be on display with General Dynamics UK as possible candidate for FRES SV.

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