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## Rheinmetall setting up defence industry network in Slovakia – RayService to produce electrical components

On 18 August 2021 RayService and Rheinmetall signed a contract for the production of electrical components in Slovakia. The contract covers cables and harnesses for the Lynx KF41 program of the Hungarian Army, worth more than four Million Euro for the first batch until 2022. Follow-on orders are expected. Hungary has ordered 218 Lynx Infantry Fighting Vehicles by Rheinmetall that will be produced in Germany and Hungary.

“Rheinmetall has great interest in real partnership with the Slovak defence industries and is experienced with the integration of local companies to the global supply chain.” states Oliver Mittelsdorf - Rheinmetall Senior Vice President Sales. “Besides we are already having an extensive cooperation with RayService for our activities in Australia, the Czech Republic and the UK, I’m happy that we can extend our cooperation to Slovakia and Hungary.” Rheinmetall is also looking forward to compete for the Slovak Infantry Fighting Vehicle Program and is therefore looking to expand the defence industry network in Slovakia.

“We are happy to expand our cooperation with Rheinmetall for the program in Hungary. Especially because we can integrate our Slovak production facility with skilled workers, good conditions for investments and close connections to many German companies.” states Igor Hrabovec – Managing Director Ray Service Slovakia. “Rheinmetall and RayService have established a very trustful business relationship over the last years and cooperate in various international defence programs.” says Jakub Gabriel - CEO RayService - about the partnership of the two companies.

Frank Ohle - Rheinmetall Senior Vice President Purchase - adds: “RayService offers a state of the art production line and is a flexible partner that allows us to adapt perfectly to local requirements. The cooperation with RayService is only the first step for us to establish a local production network in Slovakia.”

The strategic cooperation ensures region-wide support from RayService for Rheinmetall’s innovative Lynx IFV platform. RayService contributes to Lynx and other Rheinmetall programmes through the supply of vitally important cable harnesses, electromechanical assemblies, and external lighting systems, as well as the localization of third-party equipment including NBC systems, fire extinguishing systems, turret drive systems and tracks and road wheels.

## ► Key facts

- Rheinmetall and RayService sign a contract for the production of electrical components in Slovakia
- Order worth more than €4 million
- Follow-on orders expected
- Strengthening the industrial network in Central Europe

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Based in Staré Mesto, Czech Republic and Zilina, Slovakia RayService started working with Rheinmetall in 2011.

“Lynx is not only an effective, powerful, highly protected and modular vehicle for the modern battlefield and therefore the logical and most economic choice for the Army, but also a huge opportunity for domestic industrial development and growth,” says Frank Ohle, “Over the past 10 years, RayService has been an unfailingly reliable partner, delivering outstanding results time and time again. Their commitment to innovation makes them the perfect supplier for our innovative portfolio, and we look forward to deepening our relationship through this new strategic cooperation agreement.”

### **About Rheinmetall**

Headquartered in Düsseldorf, the publicly traded Rheinmetall AG is a high-tech enterprise dedicated to the twin modern imperatives of mobility and security. Founded in 1889 Rheinmetall is one of the world's leading suppliers of military systems and equipment. The group's 26,000-strong global workforce generated sales of €5.875 billion in 2020.

### **About RayService**

RayService is an international innovative manufacturer of cable harnesses, electromechanical assemblies, electronic equipment and cable components as well as distributor and integrator of such products and systems. More than 25 year of experience and intensive development have resulted in a strong, modern enterprise, a reliable and sought-after partner on an international level.