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Defence Industry

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Thales Australia welcomes the announcement that GD-OTS was awarded a US\$15 million contract for the prototype and process development of a 155mm XM1113 Rocket-Assisted Projectile Round.

In 2018 Thales Australia became a part of the GD-OTS international supply chain enabling co-production and technology transfer for a variety of critical munitions products.

Thales is Australia's leading defence exporter and a key part of the GD-OTS supply chain. This contract could lead to additional exports from Thales's operations at the Benalla and Mulwala sites, potentially securing and increasing jobs and investment for Thales and its local supply chain.

This announcement builds on the partnership between Thales Australia and GD-OTS, strengthening Australia's identified Sovereign Industrial Capability in munitions and small arms research, design, development and manufacture.

This agreement was enabled by the United States Government's expanded definition of their National Technology and Industrial Base to include Australia.

The XM1113 RAP uses rocket technology to deliver greater thrust to the round, when compared to its predecessor, the legacy M549A1. This new round will enable current U.S. Field Artillery 155mm Systems to fire the XM1113 RAP to a range of 40 kilometres, a 30% increase from the M549A1. When fired from the US's planned future Extended Range Artillery Cannon, the XM1113 will achieve ranges out to 70 kilometres.

The new vehicle will have a higher payload up to 1.6 tons, a more powerful diesel engine than the previous versions. It is designed for the transport of personnel and special cargoes and is equipped with air cleaning and air conditioning systems; it can withstand the detonation of mines up to 6 kg in TNT equivalent.

Exhibitions

At the Army-2019 will be presented a new version of the Tiger armored vehicle.



At the Army-2019 Fifth International Military-Technical Forum, which will open on June 25, 2019 in Kubinka (Moscow region, Russia), Military Industrial Company (part of the GAZ Group) will present Tiger Next, a new version of the 4x4 multipurpose protected vehicle. According to some reports, the it has the official designation Tiger AMN-2.